



Calvary Chapel Fernley Fall Newsletter

"A Family of Believers Growing Together" **ISSUE 31, FALL 2008**

Dates to Remember in Sept.-Oct.

- 09/07 Picnic & Baptism by the river
- 09/16 Woman's Book Club
- 09/23 AWANA dry-run
- 09/30 AWANA Begins!!
- 10/04 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10/05 Home Bible Studies Begins
- 10/16 2008 Meet The Candidates Night
- 10/18 Ladies Brunch Kick Off

Extended Forecast

- November 4 Election Day-VOTE
- 11/18 AWANA Longest line night

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 Studies
- 5th Sunday lunch

Mondays

- 7:00pm 1st -Alternating Home Study Leaders Meeting with Mission's
- 7:00pm 3rd - Board Meeting
May thru September
- 7:30pm NA Meets in the old chapel

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.)

Wednesdays

- 1:00pm Sr. Bible Study
- 7:00pm Midweek praise and worship
In the Old Chapel
- 7:00pm Youth Group in the Pavilion

Thursdays

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

Saturdays

- 4:00pm AA Meets in the OldChapel

p.j.'s Corner for Fall 2008

SEEING IT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE???

I struggled this month deciding what to say here. Yesterday fingers poised over the keys, and... nothing Today, fingers poised over the keys I prayed, "What can I say this month to impact lives?" I started pondering two thoughts; yesterday in an Email from my sister I read a great quote; then this morning as I prayed with Vicki something just came out as we prayed. When I put the two together, wow. I am amazed when the Holy Spirit shows me His continual presence in my life.

First, a cool quote I introduced at Tuesday night's AWANA meeting:

"Worry is prayer to an unknown God."

Think about that for a moment. Imagine shifting your focus and instead of praying to the unknown God of worry; we all prayed to the known God of peace and contentment. What would life be like if we really learned, memorized and applied:

1 Peter 5:6-7 *"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your cares upon Him for He cares for you."*, or just the simple, **1 Peter 5:7** *"casting all your cares upon Him for He cares for you."*

I love the song, *"I cast all my cares upon you..."* imagine your life carefree without worry? What would you be willing to pay for that? Then praise the Lord because it comes to us at no charge!

Secondly, Vicki and I try to do our couples devotions after breakfast before she leaves for school. But with our schedules sometimes that is the only time we get together. So we spend a lot of time talking. Today as Vicki and I talked we realized we were praying as we talked. So I prayed, 'Lord, help us to continually include you in our conversations never forgetting your continual present in our lives.' 'Lord, make our conversation, prayer.'

Imagine for a moment, He is present in every conversation; might as well because He is. But if you really applied that thought how would it change your life? We need to live thinking, no matter what the conversation He is a part of it. When you are talking about the recent Broncos Raiders Game, the Lord is apart of the conversation and He is enjoying you talking about something you enjoy. You are discussing a problem with another, remember He is there. You are having an amplified or strongly emotional discussion, with a spouse, child, parent, co-worker, or friend, remember He is there. He is participating we just try to ignore Him.

So what does 'casting our cares upon Him' and 'constantly be conscious of His presence in our presence' have in common? How often do we have



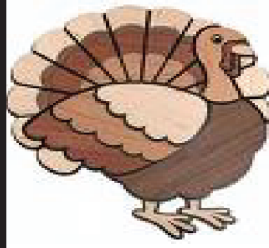


worries or cares arise? I would say, constantly? What if we totally got it from our heads to our hearts that the Lord never leaves us? Twenty four seven, three hundred sixty five days a year He never leaves us nor forsakes us. Just think how radically such a reality would change our life and walk? Just think if we cast all of our cares upon Him when they are small they will be easier to toss. Most of us wait to cast our cares, troubles, sorrows whatever on the Lord until they are full grown. Imagine, we get to choose whether we want to 'cast' or 'toss' our problems puppy size or full grown.

When do you think would be the best time to toss that Saint Bernard?

For longer than I can remember I have been using the phrase, 'are you tired of living your Christian life marginally?'. I know when I say it and look out across the congregation I see a lot of 'YES!' body language. Well one of the reasons we live marginally is we burden ourselves unnecessarily and we forget the continual source of strength at our disposal. Let us all begin today to sing that little chorus, "I cast all my cares" and to live CCPP, Constantly Conscious being Present in His Present.

Try that for 6 weeks and see how different you are entering into November.Pastor Joe...



Thanksgiving Food Baskets



It's Time to Talk Turkey

Only 10 1/2 weeks until Thanksgiving. Want to help your fellow man? Consider being a part of the Calvary Chapel Fernley Annual Food Basket Drive for Thanksgiving. Here Here are some things we can do to get started now: PRAY, PRAY. AND PRAY!! For this ministry and the people in need. Boxes- We will need a lot of boxes for distributing food. It's not too soon to start gathering and storing up your unneeded boxes. Want to do more? Watch the bulletins and clip boards Thanksgiving is less then 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 Jamiee Kerr or contact the church office.

Home Bible Studies

We begin Home Bible Studies 10/05. We have been praying and have made a few small changes we hope for the better. You can sign up anytime but why not start this year from the beginning? I am excited about the possibility Home Studies bring. Sign up today.

Nursery Schedule for Sept., Oct.

- 09/21 Mitch & Karen Turner
- 09/28 Judy Korte, MistyG & Amanda T.
- 10/05 Christina Herron & Deana Holmes
- 10/12 Kristen Wallitner & Hannah S
- 10/19 Mitch & Karen Turner
- 10/26 Judy Korte, MistyG & Amanda T.





Praying For Our Nation

Our Nation needs our Lord, Jesus Christ! Our Lord can do great things in our nation, when as a nation we invite Him in. God is so needed in every part of our nation.

We as a church body need to pray. Prayer is essential to a healthy relationship with the Lord. Just as our earthly relationships cannot be enjoyed with out communication, our relationship with the Lord can't grow without prayer. Jesus has given us free access to come to Him in any moment and any circumstance of life to share our innermost thoughts and desires. If we do not take advantage of this access, we limit the richness of life He intends for us. God wants His people to pray. With prayer we have access to Him at any time in any place. The bible reminds us of the importance and impact of prayer, *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."* 2 Chronicles 7:14

Let's make the commitment to pray for our nation for 30 days starting Sunday, October 5, 2008, pray for America 30 days and finish on November 4, 2008, Election Day.

Praying for America is a simple, 30 day focused intercession for every key area of American life. The Prayer Map of America is a guide for these 30 days of focused intercession. It just takes a few minutes everyday, praying for that day's specific requests. By the end of the 30 days, we will have prayed across America!

Let's pray for President and VP. As our nation's highest elected leaders, the President and VP bear enormous responsibilities. Pray that their decisions be wise, and their leadership be principled. **Let's pray for Congressional Leaders.** The 100's men and women, who serve in the US Congress, our Representatives and Senators, oversee the nation's legislative business. Pray they will govern

with God-honoring discernment and preserve the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. **Let's pray for our Justice System.** Our pledge is to.. justice for all. Even though our system has imperfections, it is better than most of the world. Millions is our society serve as police officers, prosecutors, defenders and judges. In the highest roles, nine serve as Justices on the US Supreme Court. Pray that all of these public servants will be vigilant, discerning and wise. We are going to pray across our nation. **Let's pray for our Armed Forces.** We are blessed with liberty because brave members of our Armed Forces have fought to keep us free. Today, a new generation of soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen and guardsmen are serving gallantly, and we benefit. Pray with appreciation for their service and ask God to bless them with strength.

Pray for Spiritual Renewal. America needs spiritual awakening and spiritual renewal. Pray for the Gospel to be heard across all of our society. Pray for biblical principles to bear fruit. Pray Americans of all ages, races and backgrounds would be drawn to the Lord and accept His salvation. **Pray for Candidates for Public Office.** We the people select our leaders. Pray the candidates for public office would be moved by God to seek what is honorable, just and moral.

In addition to these prayers we will be **Praying for the States and territories.** We will receive a 30 day prayer map of America. The prayer map will have specific States, or territories to pray for, and **Let's pray for Leaders in the State, praying for Churches in the State, and praying for Christians in that state.**

This is such a great opportunity for our church family. Thousands of churches across our country will be interceding for our country. Thousands of Christians will be praying for our country with purposeful prayer for 30 days. The goal is: A Nation Awakened, Churches Renewed, Lives Transformed. Will you commit?

Sept.-Oct. Birthdays

- 09-02 Steve Charter
- 09-05 Anne McKay
- 09-07 Raffael Wilson
- 09-08 CJ Celik
- 09-09 Maye Qualls
- 09-10 Ron McKay
- 09-12 Krisha Knight
- 09-15 Cathleen Ritter
- 09-18 Jessica Minyard
- 09-20 Kolby Armstrong
- 09-21 Michelle Mackler
- 09-21 Henry McCain
- 09-22 Jamie Kerr
- 09-25 Alicen Herron
- 09-29 James Allen
- 09-30 Jim Pringle
- 10-01 Scarlett McCain
- 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
- 10-24 Emma Herron
- 10-24 Ryan Swanson
- 10-25 Michael Swanson
- 10-30 Ryan Armstrong

Anniversaries

- 09-04 Tom & Lois McKay
- 09-08 Dale & Donna Braaten
- 09-11 Nick & Denise Celik
- 09-16 Jim & Alice McMillin
- 09-20 Maurice & Louise Van Pool
- 09-23 Leland & Linda McIlvain
- 10-03 Tony & Anne Tillman
- 10-03 Troy & Lisa Smith
- 10-30 Jack & Lucy Johnson





Agreeing Hearts Women's Ministry by Vicki Gale

Have you ever created a mission or goal statement at work? In my experience, it takes a lot of time, input, revision and arguments to get to a statement that everyone agrees on.

Agreeing Hearts has a mission statement that is from the Lord. No other input, revision, or arguing allowed. We are called to pray and to love. This is our mission statement-it comes from Acts 1:14: *these all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.*

I get excited when I think of the first century church. I crave their passion, their commitment, their love that flowed so freely that many came to know Christ. The first century church prayed fervently. They prayed as they talked face to face with Jesus just a few weeks before the disciples met in the upper room. They prayed to their Friend, their Savior, and their Lord. So can we.

Our group of women meet from 9:15-9:45 every Sunday morning to pray for the services, children's church, the nursery, ministries of the week, and personal concerns. Please search your heart and determine if 30 minutes a week is worth seeing a great change in the life of Calvary Chapel Fernley. In the last few months, we have had three to one woman pray. God can do amazing things with a few who are faithful.

Please keep Saturday, October 18 open. It will be the kick-off for our women's ministry for 2008-2009. It is One Day Away, held at Calvary Chapel Reno-Sparks. It begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm. It will be a great day of speakers, fellowship and lunch. Mark your calendars now!

I want to thank everyone who has been praying for Joe and I and the family situation we are struggling with. We can see God working, and we have peace that passes understanding and a joy unexplainable. This is because God is good. God is big, and God is wise. We are praying for many of you, too, as you go through similar situations.

I can see exciting things happening as His people pray with passion, faith, and patience.
He is able!

Commanders Corner

This is my first Commander's Corner for our AWANA Club. I am so excited about this year. I think we will see great things happen in the lives of our children. But, we still need help! As of our last meeting we haven't filled all of our spots. We still need line leaders in both of our Sparks and TnT programs. We need a director for our Cubbies program.

AWANA has done some revamping of the Sparks program and we have done some 'AWANA Missionary blessed' changes to our program. I think it will make for a better year. Some of the highlights: We have changed club night to Tuesday.

We have changed our arrival and departure procedure. We would want all leaders here at 6:30 PM for prayer and be ready for clubbers at 6:45 PM. They will meet them and do 'catch up' sections. Also we will not have clubbers 'return to their color line' for a closing ceremony, but they will remain with their 'Sparkle-Time' or Handbook Time leader. Since Youth will meet in the Pavilion on Wednesday night, the chairs will not be set up, also, there will no longer be an 'AWANA Store'; therefore unless the leader decides to remain and fellowship most leaders and their children can be homeward bound by 8:45 PM.

We have changed how the Clubbers are to get through their sections. Each group will all do the two sections a week so all faithful clubbers should be able to finish a book.

We have enacted many of these changes to make club simpler and to be effective reaching our goals of sharing the gospel with unsaved children of our community and to disciple the children of the church.

There are many more changes, come and find out what they are...
We are hoping and praying for a great year!!!!

Church Leadership

Pastor: Joe Gale

Elders: Ted Saxe,

Leland McIlvain, Tom McKay

**Deacons: Dave Tustin, Andy Breen,
Dave Dunham, Robert Herron,
Bob Wilson**

Admin. Assistant: Shawna Miller

Agreeing Hearts: Vicki Gale

Awana Commander: interim pj

**Bible Study Leaders: Vicki Gale,
Robert Herron, Lois McKay,
Ron McKay, Jerald Miller,
Ted Saxe, & Bob Wilson**

Financial Secretary: Linda McIlvain

Food Closet: Jamie Kerr

Greeters: Dave Tustin, & Guy Clark

Hospitality&Food Serv:

**Fran McKay, Wendy Tustin, &
Shelley Pringle**

In-reach Outreach: Anne Tillman

Men's Prayer: interim pj

Nursery Coordinators:

Dave Dunham, Judy Korte

VBS: Tammy Saxe

Worship Team Leader: Bob Wilson

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