



# June Newsletter

Calvary Chapel of Fernley, Faith Bible

*"A Family of Believers, Growing Together"*

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 6/5 Fernley Faith Festival meeting at Crisis Pregnancy Center
- 6/9-11 Women of Calvary Retreat
- 6/11 Final day of the Take it to Heart challenge.
- 6/12-16 Vacation Bible School
- 6/18 Father's Day
- 6/21 Visiting Missionaries Tim Davis and family will be here
- 6/28 Project Linus in MPR

## **EXTENDED FORECAST ☺**

- 7/2 PJ's tenth anniversary at the church
- 7/8 Ladies' Koinonia
- 7/9 Israel Trip Meeting
- 7/30 Church Summer Picnic
- 8/5 Men's Breakfast
- 8/12 Fernley Faith Festival
- 8:18-20 Youth Event - Backpacking
- 8/19 C<sup>3</sup>A Meeting
- 9/2 Youth Event - Joshua Fest
- 9/29-30 Women of Faith
- 10/14 AWANA Leadership Training

## **PERPETUAL CALENDAR**

### Sundays

- 9:45 AM Morning Service
- 9:45 AM Sunday School (k-6<sup>th</sup>)
- 6:00 PM Home Bible Studies

### Tuesdays

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Systematic Theology Bible Study

### Wednesdays

- 1:00 PM Sr. Bible Study and fellowship
- 3:00 PM Project Linus meets in the MPR on the last Wed. of the Month
- 7:00 PM Youth Group [starting May 31<sup>st</sup>]

### Thursday

- 6:30 PM Worship Team Practice
- 7:00 PM Married Ministry Fellowship [2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays]
- 7:30 PM AA meets in the MPR

PJ's Corner - What did we do and where do we go from here?

You may have heard: "If it walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck chances are it is a?" "Duck?" Well, that is all we did. We named a 'duck' a 'duck'. Based upon our beliefs, style of worship, church polity (How we do things.) and general attitude we were always a Calvary Chapel. We just didn't know it. Well our affiliation with CCOF, Calvary Chapel Outreach Fellowship, remedied that. Now our name change has let Fernley know what we have known all along. As for the rest of the constitutional change not much officially changed; we just clarified and simplified on paper how we have done things around here for ten years. So that is what we did.

Now, where do we go from here? First and most importantly lets go to our knees. As a result of prayer and in response to His leading, big things could be coming: men's and women's prayer ministries, C<sup>3</sup>A, College and Career Ministries, 'paving' the parking lot, new policy manual, vision conference, concerts promotions, Women of Calvary Fernley invade Russia 2008 (short term mission to Nizhniy Novgorod), The 'Clampets' go to Israel 2007, a new building, short term mission to Costa Rica, etc. Then, there are ministries already here that have room to grow in scope and impact: VBS, AWANA, Children's Church, F<sup>3</sup>, Systematic Theology, Ladies Morning Study, Seniors Bible Study, continued ministry to Russia, 'Welcome Home' ministry, In-Reach / Out-Reach ministry, Home Bible Studies, Married Ministry, etc.

The bonus purpose and challenge of creating the new constitution was to create a framework to support a broad spectrum of ministries for all ages but to never loose our small church feel.

That remains one of my most important goals, to never loose our 'small church feel'; everyone who comes in to our facility Sunday or any day needs to feel loved, that their needs are as important to you as they are to them, that prayer request are actually prayed for, that they matter, they are not a number but they are a part of the family. We can strive closer to meeting that goal with in addition to ushers a greeter ministry, a follow-up ministry and a prayer ministry, so where do you fit in?

So where are we going? As far as our faith and submission to Him will take us and not one inch further. But where will that be? I cannot imagine. I once heard D.L. Moody said, "It is yet to be seen what the Lord can do with one man totally submitted to Him." So what about, "It is yet to be seen what the Lord can do with a church that is totally submitted to Him?" I have learned of men and women who really stretched the boundaries of Moody's statement. May we be a fellowship that stretches the boundary of the 'adapted' statement?

Since we have our thinking and praying caps on: Who hasn't heard from a neighbor or a friend who moved out from Reno/Sparks but still attends church in Reno, or one who moved here from the Bay Area and couldn't find a big enough church in Fernley say, "I really like this 'little' church but there is just so much more available at: RCF, SCF, Summit, CCRS, Grace, UFF, etc., etc.,..." Imagine if they all served the Lord here in Fernley, where they live at, Living Faith or Calvary Chapel Fernley? Try to get them to imagine our ability to impact our community without 38 miles of Interstate Highway keeping us apart? P. J.

## June Birthdays

6/1 Chondel Tillman  
6/2 Vicki Gale  
6/2 Ruth Reynolds  
6/2 Ryan Wilson  
6/6 Taara Nichols  
6/9 Walker Robertson  
6/12 Brendan Mackler  
6/14 Ranse Herzinger  
6/17 Barbara Bolstad  
6/17 Warren Stehwein  
6/22 Veronica Quinonez  
6/23 Maurice Van Pool  
6/25 Ann Windle  
6/30 Devon Breen  
6/30 ErmaLee Brown

## June Anniversaries

6/11 Larry & Ginny Rodgers  
6/17 Raymond & Taara  
Nichols  
6/19 Joe & Vicki Gale  
6/20 Dave & Wendy Tustin  
6/23 Ted & Tammy Saxe

## 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, Flint Smith, Bob Wilson

Admin. Assistant: Shawna Miller

Awana Commander: Andy Breen

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

Dir. of Christian Ed.: Jerald Miller

Financial Secretary: Linda McIlvain

Food Closet: Christina Herron

Hospitality & Food Serv.: Fran McKay

In-reach Outreach: Kanisha Criss, Anne Tillman

Married Ministry Fellow: Bill Criss, Dale & Della Dunham

Rotating Fellowship: Charlene McFarlane

Secret Sisters: Becky Sturgeon

VBS Director: Michelle Mackler

Welcome Ministry: Robert Herron

Worship Team Leader: Flint Smith

## An update to "Correspondence & Updates" Can you help?

Hey look! Things have changed. Last week your vote ratified the new church constitution and with it a new name. You will notice that the newsletter's header has changed along with the contact e-mail address. Do you have questions or comments on the newsletter, or perhaps something you would like to see added? Are you in charge of a ministry or an event you would like promoted? Please e-mail or to talk to Pastor Jeremiah. The e-mail address for newsletter items is ccfnewsletter@hotmail.com Please put "newsletter" as the subject. You can also send snail mail to:

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*"By this we know love, because He laid down his life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 John 3:16*

Help your fellow man this summer. Consider donating to our church food bank. We help 5-10 families per month. You can help through either food or monetary donations. If you know of a family in our community who needs assistance, please see Christina Herron or call the church office.

*Currently we are in need of healthy cereals (Corn Flakes, Bran Flakes), pasta, peanut butter and jelly.*

## Calling all ladies who are ready for spiritual battle

"...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."<sup>17</sup>

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.<sup>18</sup> And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

James 5:16b-18 (NKJV)

Calvary Chapel Fernley needs YOU! A new ministry opportunity, 'Agreeing Hearts', will be starting soon. You must be committed to the following:

Pray for at least 15 minutes each day for the spiritual needs of our church.

Be available 30 minutes before or after church is over at least once a month to pray for others.

Be available to pray for needs on an on-call basis.

Wear a 'badge' on Sunday mornings so others know who to go to for prayer.

This is for serious prayer warriors only. Satan will fight against us, but He who is in us is stronger. We are called to a life of prayer, to storm the gates of Hell.

Let's do it together.  
See Vicki Gale

## Cleaning Ministry

Our cleaning ministry has been suffering steady attrition. Once again the burden of keeping our buildings clean has fallen on the shoulders of one person. She needs help! If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Joe or to Tina Clark. You can lighten this burden and share in a tangible ministry to your church body here at CCF.

## Major or Minor?

Over the last week I have found myself spending far too much time working on a couple of projects, that in the final analysis were not worthy causes. I will not go into details, but I let my priorities get skewed. Yeah, it happens, but the point is not confession, but a question. Where are our priorities as individuals, as a church? Sometimes I stray too much into abstract thought forgetting the flesh and blood around me.

It's not just me. Looking around at the churches in our nation, I see many that are caught up in minor details that, in the final analysis, don't matter. Do we baptize just once, or three times backward, or forward? You may laugh, but there are churches that will insist you be rebaptized if you were not baptized according to their formula. Sometimes I wonder if issues like this have gotten so blown out of proportion that looking back history will see them much as the infamous example of theologians arguing over how many angels can dance on the head of a pin while their city is under siege.

So where should we be? As far as I can tell, Jesus' focus was always on His mission, "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10) in all that entails. The devil tried to sidetrack Him with temptation to take the easy way, the Pharisees and Sadducees tried to sidetrack Him with issues of the law and tradition, but He stayed on course. And how did He do that with such opposition? He did not allow himself to be brought into disputes that did not matter, or that were not his. He prayed constantly and He relied on the Scriptures.

You have probably noticed a major theme in this newsletter by now. The issue of prayer is sprinkled all over. Well, it should be. Look at Jesus' life. If there is one person who ever lived that could have functioned without constant prayer, it was Him, but He prayed constantly, with His disciples (Luke 9:29) and often alone (Mark 5:16). We should follow His example.

Do we rely on Scripture (this has been a recurring theme as well)? That would seem obvious on Sunday morning, but does it affect our lives throughout the week? More than any other way, the Lord speaks to us through His word. It is there that we find strength to fight temptation. It is there that we find wisdom for our daily lives. God's word is sufficient, containing "everything pertaining to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:2-3).

What is our mission as a Church? If you look at the front of your bulletin, at the top you will see these words: "A Ministry for Everyone, Everyone in Ministry, Seeking HIM, Reaching Them, down ANY Road At ANY Cost." Our mission is to get everyone in this church into ministry of some kind, so that we can minister to anyone, whether in Calvary Chapel Fernley, in Fernley, in Nevada, and beyond. This does not happen without the second part: "Seeking HIM". We do this through constant prayer and the word. "Reaching Them" is reaching out to those around us who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The list of ways we can reach out is practically unlimited, but it starts with seeking the Lord and letting Him transform us.

What is our mission as individuals? I will speak for

myself. My mission is to "love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul, and mind, and to love my neighbor as myself. I interpret this as being a man who puts God first in *everything*, as a godly husband, (and hopefully someday) father, pastor, friend, and neighbor. To do this I will have to be constantly in the Word, and in prayer. I have to put others first, and I have to do things that are uncomfortable, not because I want to, but because it is the right thing to do. I need the support and accountability that only comes from my brothers and sisters in Christ..

This month I ask you to consider this question: What are you doing to further the ministry of this church, or your own life? You don't have to start big. Encourage someone who is hurting. Pray for your church family, your city, and your country. Make God's word and work a priority in your life, and you will be amazed at what He does through you.

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## Vacation Bible School

Fiesta time is only a few days away. Please invite all your family and friends to come to our Vacation Bible School on June 12-16. Registration begins Monday at 8:00 a.m. Activities begin daily at 8:45 a.m., and end at 12:15 p.m. Please call 775-575-2834 with any questions or to pre-register. The ages are from Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. If you want to assist please show up and we will find a job for you. I would like to say thanks for all the hard work already done to bring VBS this far and all the work to come in the next few days for preparation. Please come join us for all the fun and activities.

## News from Costa Rica

Hello Friends and Family,

We are still here! We have settled into our house and are starting to get used to our new way of life. There are a lot of changes for us here. Spanish, although contrary to popular belief, is not our native tongue. We have been studying everyday, but we still have a long way to go. Our conversations are still pretty shallow, just covering the basics. Rebecca is becoming a master of the cooking words, as there are many neighbors with lots of good advice on how to cook the "right" (Tico) way.

Speaking of food, one of our favorite subjects, it is great down here. There are some interesting soups that we have tried thanks to some local friends, and other delicacies that I can't pronounce the names of. It seems that many of the people live off the land that God has richly blessed. There are many trees with edible fruits and seeds all around us. The people here are very generous and love to watch us react to the new tastes.

[...] In our first month here, we have been focusing on making friends, learning the language, and getting a feel for things. I worked on staff at Calvary Chapel Vista for the last 5 years, and I think I almost forgot how to be a witness in the world. I had many opportunities to witness, but it was frustrating because other than our neighbors, I had not one single non-Christian friend that I still associated with. The Lord has been re-teaching us what it means to live in the world, while not being a part of it.

Our schedule has become waiting instead of doing. It is a big change for us, coming from Southern California. Each day He reveals His plan for our lives. Whether that is taking a neighborhood family to the beach, or going for a prayer walk, or just studying Spanish, He has been faithful to lead us each day. It is amazing how much God loves to shape our days.

Also, after much prayer and confirmation, we held our first Bible Study on Easter Sunday in the afternoon. There were 5 people there, besides us, a Tico Family and a Nicaraguan family. The

translator didn't show up, so we had a good time of fellowship and prayed to close up the evening. Then I reamed that translator...just kidding. I wanted to make sure you are awake.

On a serious note, prayer warriors get ready. Here is what we would ask you to labor over for us:

- Protection from crazy amounts of spiritual warfare in many areas.
- Someone to be able to consistently be there for translating, as our current [translator], Tony, works in the tourism industry and has insane hours.
- That we will form lasting friendships with many people.
- For muchas personas who are walking in darkness to be radically saved, and live a truly pure life.

Thank you so much. We would also like to thank those of you who are supporting us financially. You are all so much a part of what the Lord is doing and will do here. Please feel free to write us an e-mail [philmmckay@calvarychapel.com] and share what God is doing in your lives too. We would love to hear from you guys.

Also, if you are traveling in Costa Rica, let us know; mi casa es su casa!

Love in Christ,

Phil, Rebecca and Eden McKay

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### Elder/Deacon Opening Prayer

It has been called to our attention that some of the deacons are relatively unknown to the church body. Over the next few months they will take turns being introduced and opening our Sunday morning services in prayer.

June 4<sup>th</sup> Dave Dunham, Deacon

June 11<sup>th</sup> Robert Herron

June 18<sup>th</sup> Ted Saxe, Elder

June 25<sup>th</sup> Flint Smith, Deacon

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Tustin, Deacon

July 9<sup>th</sup> Bob Wilson, Deacon

July 16<sup>th</sup> Andy Breen, Deacon

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Bill Criss, Deacon

July 30<sup>th</sup> Dave Dunham, Deacon

## Real men need only apply

Have you ever watched a John Wayne western and wondered: 'Would I have the courage to stand and fight like he did?' 'How would I stand the strain of battle?'

Well we have all been called into a battle and the battlefield is prayer. Every aspect of our Spiritual Armor is to be put on with prayer.

So as a companion to 'Agreeing Hearts' for women, a new ministry opportunity is waiting for men named, "I am not creative", all I can think of is 'Camel Knees', a term of endearment for the apostle James because of his passion for prayer.

But a group of committed men who will:

Pray at least 15 minutes each day for the spiritual needs of our church.

Be available 30 minutes before or after church is over at least once a month to pray for others.

Be available to pray for needs on an on-call basis.

Wear a 'badge' on Sunday mornings so other men know who to go to for prayer. I like the idea of a 'golf' style shirt with our new logo on it, with 'Prayer Team' below it. Just think you wouldn't have to decide what to wear on Sunday.

If you want to know how well you'd have stood together with the Duke in a battle this is for you because when a man and a fellowship commit to prayer Satan doesn't just roll over and run, he fights. But we win if we fight.

As men we are all called to a life of prayer; but sadly not many men do it; but when they do.....

See Pastor Joe