



# August Newsletter

Calvary Chapel Fernley, Faith Bible

*"A Family of Believers, Growing Together"*

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 7/31-8/11 Early voting for primary election 8am-5pm @ City Hall
- 8/2 Ladies Night Out
- 8/4 Awana Pastor/Commander/Director meeting
- 8/12 Fernley Faith Festival
- 8/14 Awana Leaders' Meeting
- 8/15 VOTE [Primary Election]
- 8/18-20 Youth Event - Backpacking
- 8/19 Men's Breakfast
- 8/19 C<sup>3</sup>A Meeting
- 8/26 Calvary Chapel Men's Conference
- 8/27 Board Meeting

## **EXTENDED FORECAST**

- 9/2 Youth Event - Joshua Fest
- 9/6 Awana Dry Run for leaders
- 9/8-10 40 Hours of Prayer
- 9/10 Youth Resumes - 6:00pm
- 9/11 Awana Leaders' Meeting
- 9/13 First Night of Awana
- 9/17 Baptism @ the Truckee R.
- 9/29-30 Women of Faith
- 10/14 Awana Fall Conference

## **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 on the last Wed. of the Month at 9:00am at 100 Country Ranch Road

### **Thursday**

- 6:30 PM Worship Team Practice
- 7:30 PM AA meets in the MPR

## **PJ's Corner - Why Short Term Missions**

Recently, we were approached by a group from the "Extreme Tour", but this is old news, the event was held yesterday, 29 July, we were asked to assist in various ways with their upcoming outreach. Next year, they promised me they would get us the information a lot earlier. The sign-ups were passed around last Sunday. The spokesman said that they had some sign-ups for every need except prayer. My heart cried, "What an incredible shame. What a sad representation of His church in 2006 that no one wants to pray." I could rationalize and say: "We at CCF haven't seen the sign-up sheets yet," then hope and pray there will be many other names signing up with me to be a part of the prayer team. Well, we did see them and the response wasn't all that great. But, again, during the busyness that is summer, advanced notice is required to be sick. Next year!!! Maybe next year we can take on the entire prayer portion of this very worthwhile outreach.

But whenever I hear the word, 'prayer' it strikes a chord in my heart, because when I sit and think about prayer I wonder, "Why don't we pray more?" Honestly, this went inward with great conviction before it came out. I ask myself continually, "Why don't I pray more?" I am always so convicted about my prayer life. I tell myself, "Why is it such a struggle?" "Why is fulfilling First Thessalonians 5:17 such a chore?" I mean we are a talkative society; I think even my dog Connie has a cell phone. But, then I start to look at the opposition that arises when we commit ourselves to prayer. It is a battle. Literally, Satan authorizes all of the overtime he has available. But shouldn't the fact that, Satan doesn't want us to pray, motivate us to pray even harder?

Prayer is...prayer is... it is like defining the indefinable. James Dobson tells a story about a man who gets to Heaven and finds a room full of wrapped gifts all with his name on them. Have you ever seen a room at a 'Toys for Tots' or 'Angel Tree' drive just before the distribution? Imagine a room full to the brim with wrapped presents. That is what, theoretically, will be left in Heaven all because we didn't ask. But in my heart and mind, it is even worse; the gift that we are leaving wrapped and unused is prayer. Prayer, fellowship with almighty God is a gift, wrapped in love. Jesus came and died that we might have this relationship restored. It worse than, but much like, us having our primary vehicle broken down for about a month, having it repaired and still walking everywhere.

Face it, brothers and sisters, we as individuals, as couples, as genders, as families, as leaders, as followers, don't pray. We don't. We may brush a quickie prayer upward daily or even occasionally during the day, but to pray, really pray, do we? We are leaving seconds, minutes, hours worth of gifts lying and gathering dust (okay no dust in Heaven?); we are leaving seconds, minutes, hours worth of gifts lying forever unused.

Let's repent of this wasteful sin. Let's be selfish. Oh, did you hear that? The man who yaks constantly against being selfless not sell fish said be selfish. So just on it, be selfish. It is there use it. It is a sin how terrible our prayer lives are. Was...

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(PJ's Corner continued) ...that subtle? I think that was subtle. As bad as the sin is; proportionally that is subtle.

Let's leave a legacy to the next generation of being a church of prayer. Let's build a reputation throughout our community of being a church of prayer. In Russia, they call their churches, A House of Prayer. They name their fellowship Good Shepherd Church or something similarly Americanized but the building where they meet is called A House of Prayer. Imagine, it is no longer the Pavilion, the Chapel, the Sanctuary, or whatever, it is no longer called any of those but the building we meet in is for now and forever called the House of Prayer. Our fellowship remains but we refer to it as our "House of Prayer".

Our sister churches in Russia, in Zavolge, Sosnoskia (the one that is on the power point), Gorodets, would not hesitate to rejoice with us if we took from them the name. I think they would rejoice if we would hang a sign over each entrance, Welcome to our House of Prayer. But we should write it in Russian. Then when any visitor asked about it we would have a story for them.

Then imagine the power, rejoicing and witness that would be ours if we lived it out? We will be having our quarterly '40 Hours of Prayer and Fasting' from 3:00 PM September 8<sup>th</sup> through 7:00PM September 10<sup>th</sup>. This time let's fill the entire Forty Hours. Take one, two or three hours, altogether or broken up. Plan to fast the entire time, or for just a day of it.

PJ

Next Month: "Why Short Term Missions?"

"It doesn't matter, really, how great the pressure is, it only matters where the pressure lies. See that it never comes between you and the Lord – then, the greater the pressure, the more it presses you to His breast."

**Hudson Taylor**

## August Birthdays

8/2 Rick Cannon  
 8/4 Linda Jones  
 8/5 Ginny Rodgers  
 8/8 John Mackler  
 8/10 Lois McKay  
 8/11 Catie Auger  
 8/11 Wendy Tustin  
 8/14 **Joe Gale**  
 8/14 Flint Smith  
 8/15 Kanisha Criss  
 8/18 Carlyn Grocholski  
 8/18 Sabrina Nichols  
 8/25 Alex Breen  
 8/26 Markus Allen  
 8/29 Lynnette Daniel

## August Anniversaries

8/3 James & Shannon Allen  
 8/12 Jerald & Shawna Miller  
 8/13 Andy & Renee Breen  
 8/22 Rick & Juanita Cannon

## 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 Fel. Bill Criss, Dale & Della Dunham

Rotating Fellowship Charlene McFarlane

Secret Sisters: Becky Sturgeon

VBS Director: Michelle Mackler

Welcome Ministry Robert Herron

Worship Team Leader: Bob Wilson

## Correspondence & Updates

Do you have questions or comments on the newsletter, or perhaps something you would like to see

**Church picnic  
 Today, July 30, at  
 Out of Town Park  
 The Church is  
 providing hot dogs  
 and hamburgers.**

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.

## Youth

If you've been in church the last two Sundays, you know that a lot is going on with our youth. There is a yard sale fundraiser coming up on the 12<sup>th</sup> (If you would like to help or have a few pesky items you would like to donate, talk to Pastor Jeremiah), a backpacking trip on the 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, and Joshua Fest September 2<sup>nd</sup>. What there isn't going on, is regular Wednesday Night Meetings. Due to the usual craziness of summer, we have decided to take a break and start up again Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of September at 6:00pm.

Just because we don't have our regular Wednesday meetings, though, doesn't mean you shouldn't show up for activities like our fundraiser on the 12<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity to serve in raising money for missions work that effects kids like you but who live in a much tougher society, and to help out with your own costs going to Joshua Fest.

Oh, and to those of you who know what this means, the "Starbucks Offer" still stands. I have not forgotten, and I think it is worth your time as well. If you don't remember, ask me. ☺

- Pastor Jeremiah

## Commander's Corner

AWANA will be starting on September 13th, and it is coming fast. Are you asking, "What is Awana?" If so, let me tell you about who we are and what we do. AWANA is an acronym that stands for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed"(Timothy 2:15). The goal of Awana is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve him. Every Wednesday night throughout the school year clubbers work on scripture memorization, will hear a bible lesson, participate in a time of worship and compete in team based games. The clubbers are broken up into 4 groups; Cubbies (preschool), Sparks (k thru 2nd), T&T (3rd thru 6th), and Trek (7th & 8th). This same scenario is played out every week in over 11,400 Churches here in the United States and in more than 3,800 churches overseas.

If you have been involved in Awana in the past you know what a joy it is to work with the kids and to see them grow, if not I would ask you to prayerfully consider becoming part of this ministry. My goal for this next year is to have enough leaders, helpers and staff to allow for at least 100 clubbers each week. Last year we averaged 60 clubbers a night with 22 leaders, 100 clubbers will require around 30 committed believers. I will be sending around sign up sheets listing the areas of need but the 3 key positions with the greatest need are:

**Leaders** - In this role you would be helping the clubbers to memorize scripture from their work books and help to keep

your assigned group of kids in line and focused during games, worship & council times.

**Helpers** - If you cannot commit to being at club every week maybe this is the role for you. As a helper you would assist the leaders with their clubbers.

**Secretary** - Record keeping is key issue for helping club to run smoothly. The secretary is in charge of checking the clubbers in each week and maintaining current clubber information, i.e. address, phone numbers, dues paid.

Help in each of the clubs is crucial but the most important role any one can fill is the one of prayer. Whether you feel called to serve as an active member of this ministry or not I would ask that you pray for this club. Some of the specific prayer needs are; enough leaders for all the kids the Lord wants to send to us, for the hearts and minds of the clubbers, for the impact of what the clubbers learn can have on their homes and for the leaders that have committed to be apart of this ministry.

I will be having a leaders' training class at the end of this month. If you plan on helping out please plan to attend, if you are thinking about helping please come and check it out, if you work with kids in any capacity I encourage you to attend (the information being presented is not limited to just Awana, besides if you complete this training a couple of other requirements you will get a really cool pin.

This is going to be an exciting year

Andy Breen

## Food Closet Ministry

HELP!!! HELP!!! HELP!!!

Our food closet has become dangerously low but our demand has not! We need donations of all items. Do some much-needed "pantry cleaning" and help your neighbors in need. There is a list of what is needed on the back tables. If you have any questions, please see Christina Herron.

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**"When we long for life  
without difficulties,  
remind us that oaks grow  
strong in contrary winds  
and diamonds are made  
under pressure."**

**Peter Marshall**

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## Bible Study Updates

Home Groups Fellowship BBQ is Sunday, August 13th at 6:00PM at the Wilson's New Home in the Fernley Highlands.

The Senior Bible Study will begin again the first Wednesday in August at one o'clock. If you are a senior and currently do not attend, please prayerfully consider this Bible Study and fellowship period.

### Systematic Theology Class Schedule

Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Chapter 13
Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Chapter 15
Aug. 15 <sup>th</sup>	-	Chapter 16
Aug. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Chapter 19

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## Cleaning Ministry

Thank you to you who have helped in our cleaning ministry. We have had some new help, but it would be good to have enough people for a rotation. Otherwise the burden falls hard on a few. You can lighten this burden and share in a tangible ministry to your church body here at CCF.

## Success?

What does it mean to be successful in life? That is a question that I hear in many forms all the time. There are many variants. What is the right occupation for me? Who is the right person for me? Whether it be spouse, job, or location, the bottom line for most people is, "What combination of all of the above will make me successful?" The question presupposes that success and happiness are tied together hand in hand.

Unfortunately, most of the people viewed as successes in the world today are unhappy. They are unhappy with their jobs – however great. They are unhappy with their spouses – however attractive. They are unhappy with their status – however desirable to others. They are unhappy because their focus is on them. They have chased desires and pleasures and positions hoping to fill the void within, only to find that desires come and go but the void remains. Why?

The problem is that they are looking in all the wrong places. The only way to true and abiding happiness, to true joy, to peace, is through a growing relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are created beings, created for fellowship and unity with our maker. Consequently we will never be satisfied with anything less than a relationship with our God.

So, with that in mind, why do we chase after that which can never satisfy? Why do we seek to fill ourselves with the trappings and devices of this world? Why is it that humanity constantly hopes that the next best thing will bring lasting joy and happiness when all the previous best new things have left us empty?

I think we look everywhere else, because we are afraid. We are afraid that if we give ourselves over to the great and mighty Maker of heaven and earth, that He will take from us the freedom to chase after all the insubstantial, the vain, the fleeting trinkets and activities that please us, however fleetingly. The lie has been sold to us that God is the cosmic killjoy ever seeking to take away our fun. So we cling to our sin and to our useless things, rejecting the true and abiding source of what we really wanted

deep down all along.

We want love, but what greater love is there than that shown by God, who offered up His own Son to pay the penalty for our wrongs (Yes, it is the very things we do seeking joy and happiness in all the wrong ways that separate us from the One who is the true object of our desire). We want purpose, but what greater purpose is there than fellowship with the infinite Creator of the Universe, or further, in working to bring others to that fellowship.

But oh, when we finally recognize the truth, when we see the love of Him who never gives up on us while we still draw breath, how great is our joy? Accepting His gift, the provision of salvation, we find we have that and so much more. We have eternal life, and sonship as joint heirs with Christ. Now our Creator indwells us, and we have a new challenge.

Our God, who loves us and has saved us and brought us to Himself, seeks to bring about the best for us. His best is not always easy to see, even in retrospect. His best is almost never easy to accomplish, and in fact it can be far harder than our lives ever were before we began our relationship with Him. But despite the difficulty our happiness, our joy, is found in our working to accomplish His will. It is a strange thing that only in abandoning our will to His do we find peace and joy.

So what, then, is success? I would say that success in its truest sense is found in a life that seeks the will and work of God. It is in conforming our wills to His. Or as the writer of Ecclesiastes said, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is man's all."

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## A One-Time Blanket Fernley Outreach

(without anyone leaving home or knocking on any door.)

Imagine getting a flyer about our Fellowship and our AWANA Children's Program into nearly every home in Fernley in one night without any of us leaving our homes; do you think it is possible? It is.

Somewhere around October 31 children will be coming to our homes

with big bags. Imagine if our fellowship in neighborhoods all around Fernley armed with two flyers, one about Calvary Chapel Fernley and another about our AWANA Children's Program, in a bag, along with some treat.

Depending on the neighborhood we have an average of 50 children at our doors. If 25 homes gave away 50 bags we would disperse 1,250 flyers. If 40 homes gave away 50 bags we would disperse 2,000 bags. We would put our AWANA information into the 2,000 hands that the Lyon County School Districts will not let us distribute information to through the school system.

Then do the math: Of the 2,000 children, it is possible that an average of 2.5 are from the same family. That would mean our flyers about our fellowship, our AWANA program and the information about the wonderful Gospel of Jesus Christ could reach 800 homes. If half of them just threw it away, (They would see it.) or they were doubles, two bags from neighbors, still 400 homes would look at the information, 400 seeds planted. If only half of them were interested that would mean an effective outreach to 200 homes in one night.

Then if each home has 2.5 children, we would effectively invite 400 children to AWANA in one night, and 200 hundred families to visit our fellowship.

If we had more than 40 homes we expand our outreach.

What do we need? A coordinator would help. A creative someone to make a flyer that includes the Gospel and CCF that is about the size of the AWANA flyer. A team of prayer warriors willing to pray about the outreach starting now until... And all of the rest of us be willing to open our doors and just hand out the bags. If you are interested, contact Pastor Joe.

Just imagine what is possible. The School System won't let us send this stuff home so let's use the night that Satan almost claims as his own to reach our community.