



September Newsletter

Calvary Chapel Fernley, Faith Bible

"A Family of Believers, Growing Together"

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9/6 Awana Dry Run for leaders
- 9/8-10 40 Hours of Prayer and Fasting
- 9/9 Russia Trip Yard Sale
- 9/11 Awana Leaders' Meeting
- 9/12 Youth Resumes 7-8:30PM
- 9/13 First Night of Awana
- 9/15 C³A P³ @ 6:30
- 9/18 Men's Prayer Meeting
- 9/24 Baptism @ the Truckee R.
- 9/25 Board Meeting
- 9/27 Newsletter Deadline
- 9/29-30 Women of Faith

EXTENDED FORECAST

- 10/1 Home Bible Study Kickoff Meeting (at CCF)
- 10/8 Home Bible Studies Start
- 10/9 Town Hall Candidates Forum
- 10/14 Awana Fall Conference – Reno
- 10/14 Married Ministry Fellowship Retreat
- 10/21 Awana Fall Conference – Redding

PERPETUAL CALENDAR

Sundays

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

Tuesdays

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 AM **Project Linus meets on the last Tues. of the Month at 9:00AM at 100 Country Ranch Road**
- 7:00 PM Systematic Theology Bible Study / Youth Group (starting 9/12)

Wednesdays

- 1:00 PM Sr. Bible Study and fellowship

Project Linus moved to Tuesday

Thursday

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

PJ's Corner - 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.

(Oh, and I didn't forget Daniel. That will be in next month's newsletter.)

PJ

August Birthdays

09-01 Theresa Panziera
09-01 Melody Stehwein
09-05 Anne McKay
09-06 Jon Pourchot
09-07 Raffael Wilson
09-09 Maye Qualls
09-10 Ron McKay
09-12 Krisha Knight
09-15 Cathleen Ritter
09-21 Hayley LaVoie
09-21 Michelle Mackler
09-21 Henry McCain
09-22 Lisa Smith
09-24 Samantha Soriano
09-25 Alicen Herron
09-29 James Allen
09-29 Bill Criss
09-30 Jim Pringle

August Anniversaries

09-04 David & Kelly Robertson
09-04 Tom & Lois McKay
09-08 Dale & Donna Braaten
09-20 Maurice & Louse Van Pool
09-23 Leland & Linda McIlvain

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

Welcome Ministry: Robert Herron

Worship Team Leader: Bob Wilson

In-Reach Out-Reach

In-Reach Out-Reach is a ministry that serves the people in our Church Body in times of need. Whether it is providing food during a time of illness, or helping a widow with her plumbing, this is an opportunity to reach out and help our brothers and sisters in Christ. Recently our coordinator has stepped down and we need someone to take her place. Please prayerfully consider whether this is a ministry God would have you coordinate or participate in. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Joe.

Women of Faith

Remember last August. . . .the excitement, the worship, the message. . . the shopping? Women of Faith is finally here-this month. September 29-30 in Sacramento we will be joining thousands of other women in worship and fellowship around God's word. WOW!

The bus will be leaving Calvary Chapel Fernley around 10:00. Don't forget the snacks. . . .

Your final payment is due now! There are three tickets left. Don't be left out! See Vicki for more information.

News From Bogotá

Many of you are no doubt familiar with the Bye family, one of the missionary families our church supports. The following is derived from their newsletter.

This year Columbia re-elected Alvaro Uribe to the presidency, despite the efforts of Communist guerillas. The people had feared violence, and there was some, but it

Marriage Devotional

"Save The Date"

When: October 14th

Where: Calvary Chapel Fernley

More Information to Follow

was kept to a surprising minimum through security forces and other intervention. The Byes wrote:

"This seen and unseen protection afforded us Bogotanos reminds us of God's

faithfulness and love to each Christian. Whether we recognize it or not, He is there watching over us, often protecting us from temptations we cannot resist, guiding us into a fruitful relationship with Him, supplying us life, providing for our needs. We are encouraged to see evidence of His faithfulness in our lives here."

In June, the Lord provided the facilities for "a weekend camp for 24 kids from our church. [...] Most of the kids come from very poor families and had never been to a camp before." They were very excited about things like a basketball court and flowers. They Byes did most of the work and reported that it was "exhausting but rewarding, about half of the kids prayed to receive Christ, we've been praying for those children for a long time and they were very ready." What an encouragement!

The Lord has also provided for them in many other ways, with donations that enabled them to buy a wood planer for the shop at the IMC [In ministry to Children] farm, Granja Peniel, and help from a summer work team from the UK in both the IMC summer camp and two construction projects.

In all, the family is doing well with the boys and Elizabeth back in school and doing well. Kathleen has recently returned safely from a whirlwind trip to the US and will start teaching summer school at ECA where they are short several teachers. They close their letter with: "Thank you for praying, thank you for giving. You are part of an eternal work. With Love in Christ, Grant, Kathleen, and family."

Bible Study Updates

September Dates for Married Bible Study:

September 10 @ 6pm Criss Home
(Pot Luck)

September 22 @ 7pm Criss Home

Systematic Theology Class Schedule

Sept. 5th - Chapter 20
Begin Doctrine of Man

Sept. 12th - Chapter 21

Sept. 19th - Chapter 22

Sept. 26th - Chapter 23

Home Bible Studies

Are you looking for a smaller group to involve yourself in? Sunday mornings are great, but smaller interactive Bible studies are important too. They allow you to develop deeper relationships with your fellow believers and to participate in an in-depth study of the Word of God where you can ask questions and benefit from the insights of other believers.

Last year there were two studies that paralleled each other. Now you have more options. This year there will be at least three, and possibly four, home groups. Two will run much like they have this last year, studying the "Babylonian Minors." One will be geared toward Young Marrieds in a kid-friendly environment. Finally, we are considering a College & Career home group. Each of these groups will determine their own time and location.

Keep your eyes open. There will be signups on the clipboards and announcements in both the newsletter and the bulletin. We are planning a dessert social kickoff meeting Sunday October 1st at 4:00PM. The regular meetings will start on Sunday the 8th at their respective times. Everyone is invited, and encouraged to come.

Town Hall Candidates Forum

On October 9th from 7:00PM to 9:00PM there will be a Faith Based Candidates Forum in the Pavilion here at CCF. The forum will be open to nonpartisan candidates, particularly those running for Mayor and Sheriff. The candidates for Sheriff have already agreed to come. Members of all churches in Lyon County are invited to attend.

Each candidate will be given a minute for introduction, five minutes to speak directly, and fifteen minutes to answer written questions drawn from the audience.

**Join us for 40 Hours
of Prayer and Fasting.
3:00PM Sept. 8th –
7:00Am Sept. 10th.
Let's get on our knees
and see what the Lord
will do! Signup sheets
are at the back of the
Sanctuary.**

Journey Twenty-Four Seven (247)

Summer is over, school is already started, and now it's time for the Youth Group to resume. A new year brings changes, this time quite a few. Starting on Tuesday, September 12th, the Youth program will switch over to Awana's Journey²⁴⁷ program. This gives us an opportunity to simplify the schedule quite a bit. The program will run at the same time as the Systematic theology Study, from 7:00PM to 8:30PM on Tuesdays and will meet, at least for now, in the Pavilion.

What I am really excited about is that the youth will be going through a survey of basic doctrine, or basically a lighter version of the Systematic Theology study that the adults are doing, but with a lot of fun stuff thrown in. This is a chance to really look at what they believe and understand what it means to their lives.

Sound good? Come on down and join us.

Food Closet Ministry

The food closet ministry would like to thank the many generous people who donated food last month and helped restock our community closet. We also thank Universal Tae-Kwon-Do for their wonderful donation of non-perishable foods for our upcoming Thanksgiving basket food drive.

Our annual Thanksgiving basket food drive is our biggest event. We are now taking names of families in need. If you know a family in need, please contact the church office or Christina Herron.

Calling all talented kids!! Christmas musical practice begins SOON!

If you are 5-15 years old....you are invited to an exciting adventure that will take you around the world in song. This year's Christmas musical is called "The MK Christmas Special" and there is a backstage pass just for YOU! Please join the kick-off party Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00. We will be doing crafts from West Africa, Australia, the Caribbean, Japan, Mexico, and the Ukraine. Refreshments will also be served. Practices will be Tuesday evenings during the adult theology class. The music is fun and the message is truth, so come and join us!

See Vicki for more information.

Correspondence & Updates

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. Remember that the deadline for submissions is the last Wednesday of

the month.

Godly Advice

A few days ago in my daily devotions I ran across the story of Amnon and Tamar in 2 Samuel 13, and something struck me that I had missed previously. Amnon desired to do evil things, but could not figure out how to accomplish his goal. Instead of letting it go and repenting, he listened to the advice of his friend and cousin Jonadab, who "was a very crafty man." Jonadab's advice was effective, but far from godly and following it eventually led to Amnon's death.

This really made me think about where our advice comes from. True, Amnon was bent toward evil to begin with, but sometimes we are tempted to take the "crafty" advice of those around us in order to pursue a goal that would otherwise be good. No matter what our generation might maintain, the end does not justify the means. Our wisdom needs to be godly, and to come from godly sources.

Our first and foremost source of godly wisdom is the Word of God. Yeah, I've hammered that one quite a few times, but the point is that if you are in the Word daily, seeking the Lord you will gain much wisdom in all areas of life.

Secondly, and this is where I want to focus, we have a source of godly wisdom in our Christian brothers and sisters who have gone through some of the same things we are facing. Usually they will understand your struggles more than an unbeliever would, because they will see the spiritual side as well as the normal human

struggle. What is more, they are likely to pursue a godly perspective rather than a self-centered perspective.

When listening to human advice, it is extremely important to mind the source. I'm not trying to say that the advice of non-Christians is never valid, but only that we should not seek unspiritual advice on matters of spiritual importance. An un-believing mechanic's advice on how to fix your car might be the best around, but an unbelieving counselor's advice on how to fix your marriage...well there are some things you just don't go to the world for.

The book of Proverbs tells us time and time again that counsel is critical (Proverbs 11:14, 15:22, 20:18, 24:6), but also warns against the counsel of the ungodly (Proverbs 12:5). Psalm 1 begins with "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly..."

Clearly then, our human sources of guidance must be godly men and women, those whom we know to be wise and full of insight. We have them all around us within our own church. So the next time you are struggling with something, you know where to go for help... Pj

YARD SALE!

Next Saturday Sept. 9th, from 7:00am to 2:00pm there will be a yard at 330 Spruce. All proceeds will go to one of our church's own mission outreaches, next January's Russia trip. If you have stuff to donate, or would like to help (PLEASE!), talk to Pastor Jeremiah.

Is your ministry
update missing?

Would you like to
see it here?

The October
newsletter's
submission deadline
is September 27th.

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College & Career

Does it seem like there is a ministry around here for everyone but you? I mean, there are kids programs like Awana and there is a Youth program and a Young Marrieds Bible study...but nothing for single people who are out of high school. Well, we are trying to change that.

This fall, starting the second week in October we would like to start a College & Career home group. We will meet on Sunday October 1st at 4:00PM with the rest of the Home Bible Study groups for fellowship, dessert, and to discuss what we want to do. Your input counts and will help dictate when and where we meet as well as what we study and what kinds of things we do as a group.

If you can't be there on October 1st, but are interested, either talk to Pastor Jeremiah, or you can e-mail him at ccfnewsletter@hotmail.com.