



Calvary Chapel Fernley November Newsletter

"A Family of Believers Growing Together" ISSUE 23, NOVEMBER 2007

Dates to Remember in November

- 11/05 Home Study Leaders Meeting
- 11/10 Sat, @ 8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 11/12 Board Meeting
- 11/19 Awana Leaders Meeting
- 11/18 3rd Sunday Brunch/Family Sunday
- 11/19 Newsletter submissions deadline
- 11/22 Thanksgiving
- 11/25 Communion Sunday
- 11/26 Board Meeting
- 11/25 Communion

Extended Forecast

- Dec. 08 Progressive Dinner
- Dec. 24 Candlelight Service

Perpetual Calendar

Sundays

- 9:15am Prayer Groups Meet
- 9:45am Sunday Service
- 9:45am Sunday School (K-6th)
- 3rd Sunday Brunch-Family Sunday
- 4th Sunday Communion
- 5:00pm Home Bible Study
- 5th Sunday Lunch (when there is a 5th)

Mondays (alternating)

- 7:00pm 1st - **Alternating** Home Study Leaders Meeting with Mission's Committee
- 7:00pm 2nd - Board Meeting
- 7:00pm 3rd - AWANA Leaders Meeting
- 7:00pm 4th - Board Meeting
- 7:00pm 5th - 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

P.j.'s Corner for November

I tried to sell off my 'Corner' this month but no takers the closer it gets to Christmas the more expensive it is going to be. So I figured that I had better get to writing. I saw a few hands but no follow up.... \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Sorry.

I have so many topics to choose from a number continually growing before and after yesterday's service like: All reading the same daily text in 2008 from the calendars we will be giving out soon, Those empty billboards on I-80 between here and Reno, Bible Studies, Women's Ministries, Men's Ministries, Marriage Seminars, the Christmas Progressive Dinner, Your Outreach and Fellowship Ideas, Missions in this hemisphere, the Mexican Possibilities, the Costa Rica Possibilities, Missions halfway around the world, a baby church Tver, RU Possibilities, the importance of keeping the baby Christians in Kirov in prayer, Service Missions to Orphanages, Outreach Missions to communities, Doing the same kinds of outreaches to Fernley just Americanized, reaching out to all of Nevada, then the surrounding states and to the end of the world, a great big thank you for all of the love you showed last month, happiness about our answered prayers, Benevolence Needs, In-Reach/Out-Reach, Crisis Reserve, the Thanksgiving Outreach, Home Groups, Prayer, Unity, Community, Christmas, Projects around here, Sex (okay, I just wanted to see if you were paying attention), Expansion projects, Repair projects, Vandalism, Ducks football, what happened to my vision for CCF, the intimate details of my recent and current spiritual struggles, and the list just keeps growing. I could write out the 'Accordion' message from yesterday, but I think I'll accordion it out to full length add the songs I had the Worship Team cut out last week, or I could just do a Bible Study...

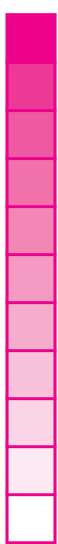
Reaching all of that- have you ever wondered why I am distracted occasionally? F.Y.I. and Vicki can attest to it, sometimes I look 'angry' or 'mad' it isn't any of them, it is that my brain is working so hard trying to remember something I have no brain cells left to smile. The Sixties were fun weren't they? And all of this is just a portion of what I have on my brain at any given moment. So remember grace given as received!!! Even to Pastors.

But when I really get down to what is important.

First to thank you all is for the many demonstrations of your love during October is humbling indeed. Every year I feel so absolutely unworthy of it all; I am not being 'humble', you know that would never happen. I am not worthy of your fine words, etc. I am so inadequate for this challenge and I always feel like I am not doing enough. It always seems like there is as much falling through the cracks as gets swept up. But we do thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Secondly, there is one area of character toward the two areas that lie the heaviest on my heart and what I believe will take this Fellowship from where we are to where we can be: prayer and missions, relationship and impact!

But first let me define 'where we are and where we can be'. This does not mean lets become a 'Mega-Church' numerically. This means let's become what we can be. Let's become the envy of all other churches. I learned many years ago the numbers, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000 do not matter; what matters is the spiritual life of those 50, 100, who are a part of this fellowship. However, if those in attendance are growing in faith, life and practices I do not see how there will not





be numerical growth; growing Christian grows new Christians; or, healthy sheep begat more sheep. The Churches in Acts grew not because of programs but because love drew others to them and HIM.

But if we, the area of character we need to work on: Commitment, if we make a commitment to prayer and missions it will point us in the direction we need to go. Commitment: I think if we as Christians were as committed to serving the Lord ... I could really meddle here. But I'll let the Holy Spirit take care of that.

But we as individuals have two created needs, relationship and impact. Adam was lonely and he was called to tend the Garden. So we need relationship, and we are born needing to leave something behind that says we were here and to be busy while we are here. We need these two just to be happy.

What that means is you can't know all that is yours as a believer from the sidelines. A new life is Jesus Christ is participatory. I am as convinced of this because of the opposition in the world, the flesh and the devil attempts at stopping it. Think of the reasons that are used to keep you and others on the sidelines? Again quiet yourself before the Lord and let Him reveal them to you.

But first we need to become a body committed to prayer. I am sold out to the idea that when the pre-service prayer times are stuffed full, when the prayer chain rattles everyday, when prayer meeting before AWANA is more important than anything else that takes place on Wednesday Evening, when Men's prayer meetings thrive, and there is a demand to find times weekly, when 'Would you pray for me?' is immediately followed by, 'My dear Lord and gracious Heavenly Father...'; when our next 24 hours of prayer needs two rooms. When prayer becomes a defining character of all aspects of our walk, ministry, and outreach, we as a body of believers being one body will stronger. My strongest confirmation for it is again the opposition against it. Prayer is a battle ground. And we are being to pacifistic!

Finally Missions... Do you know the LDS' and JW's least effective method of outreach is the 'Door to Door' outreach. But doing it takes a marginal believer and converts them to a solid believer. It is in the reaching out that growth takes place. Did you know only one in seventy five Christians will ever reach another person for Christ? Look around if we have 150 people in church today, that is only two people in the room. Is that a limit or a very sad statistic? As Scrooge said, "Are these the dreams of what are to be or can they be changed." That statistic can change! I know most people reading this have known or will know the joy of becoming a parent. They know the joy of seeing new life come into the world and growing into adulthood. While the 'creation' of the new life is the Lord's doing being a part of the birth into new life is our joy. Imagine if you missed the joy of bringing new life into the world, imagine how much more hollow your life would be. We all know couples

that so desire to bring life into the world and despite all of their efforts cannot. Just imagine it; that is how hollow your Christian life is when you do not actively share your faith. but it doesn't have to stay that way? You can know the joy of seeing life begin!

So get active! Going on a short term mission, being a part of a short term mission's support team is life changing. Being a part of a local outreach team, one person in prayer for each person witnessing, either on the street, in the park or just door to door is wonderful. Local and Short-term Missions abroad or even here in the states sound scary. They sounds intimidating. But there is nothing like it... Get involved in missions. Get a heart for missions. Become a part of our missions team.

So commit yourself to prayer and then get busy taking the message to our Jerusalem/Fernley, our Judea/Nevada, our Samaria/California, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Arizona, and to the ends of the Earth/ Hazen!

In His love and mine, p. j.

Commander's Corner

Awana Moment by Sparks Director, Carlyn Grocholski

Kids can certainly surprise you . . . as many of you sat in wonder as Alicen Herron recited John 3:14-19 from memory you can see God's Word being inscribed on one child's heart. Awana is about fun and games, but it is also reaching into our community and putting the Word of God into the hearts of children, and their parents. God says that His Word shall not return void. To me that says that if we share the Word of God that it will make an impact even if a child is trying to quickly memorize it so they can get on to games.

Kids love to show adults their newly acquired skills and what better privilege than to help a child to memorize the Word of God and then to listen as they recite what they have placed in their hearts. Consider helping in Awana by sitting in one night and listening to kids as they learn their verses. Who knows? Maybe while the Word is being inscribed on the heart of a child, it will also be inscribed on yours?

As Thanksgiving approaches each of the kids in Awana will participate in the "Longest Line." This is an opportunity for kids and their families to serve God and their community by collecting non-perishable foods to be used in the Thanksgiving Baskets. CCF, other churches, Boy Scouts and Awana have helped each year in providing Thanksgiving meals for families in our community. Perhaps even some of the kids will need a Thanksgiving Basket. Please consider helping out by bringing in food for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Please donate foods that you enjoy at Thanksgiving and not just look at this as an opportunity to empty your pantry. Perhaps as you and your family prepare for Thanksgiving consider buying double and donating the extra.

Awana inscribes the Word of God on children's hearts, it gives kids a great night of fun and games, it gives kids an opportunity to serve God and others. Consider helping us out, especially as the holidays approach. Please also keep Awana in your prayers. Thank you!





The Prayer Closet

We find Christ in the wilderness where he was baptized by John. And while He was there, word came to Him that His friend Lazarus was very ill. Interestingly, Jesus waits for two days commenting that; "This sickness is not unto death, but for the Glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." **Jn 11: 1-6**...And on the Third day he makes the journey to Bethany...

He has to bluntly tell the enquiring disciples that Lazarus is dead; explaining that it was so for their sakes, so they may believe. I find this passage interesting because they have been with Jesus for some time, seen the miracles, sat at His feet, prayed with Him, ate with Him...slept and fished and labored with Him...They should very well know Him by now, yet He says, "And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent that you may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him." **Jn 11: 15**

The God-man wants to weld their faith. He wants to cause their hearts to cleave to Him. He knew that after His ascension, they would need their hearts rooted and grounded in the facts...They would need immovable, unshakeable faith that Jesus is the Messiah and that no one could ever take them from His hand. They needed to see first hand, so they could share with the whole world **Who HE Is!**

Martha has this faith and she proclaims it, "But I know that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask God, God will give it to thee." Even still she struggles with the sense of reality when Jesus tells her, "Your brother will rise again." She equates this to the last days...It is then that Jesus gives every man this promise. "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Martha then confirms her belief by acknowledging that "You are the Christ, the Son of God." **Jn 11: 22-27**

Now everything that Jesus did was for us...the ones who believe, so

that we would know with certainty that we will live and reign with Him forever...One of the best example of this was when He prayed for Lazarus..."Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me." **Jn 11: 41-42**

At that, Jesus displays His sovereignty over death itself once he reaches the grave and calls Lazarus by name to come forth. If he had just cried come forth...there is no telling how many would have been resurrected at once...the proof of this was further exemplified upon His own death on the cross. **Mt 27: 52-53**

And when he came out Jesus command them to "Loose him and let him go." **Jn 11:44**

Jesus prayed for Lazarus and then set him free from the law of sin and death...Just like He has done for us. "For the law of the Spirit of Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" **Rom 8:2**

If we are truly His disciples, then we are to follow His examples. Praying should come to us, like breathing; natural, without thought as an autonomic (or spontaneous) reaction. Paul commanded us to pray without ceasing...to be constantly in season and out of season. We should pray silently as we go about our day, in songs and hymns and spiritual songs...giving forth praises to His glory. And, we should pray for those we are around and those who are in need and be bold! We should suggest to someone whom we know is in need, that we would like to pray for them...right here, right now. Let the hand of God work through you as you get out of His way and let Him do the work He has called us to do...and that most important work is to PRAY.

Have you said your prayers today...won't you take the time to bow before Him in prayer and supplication making your request known to Him with thanksgiving... I hope you will. KS

CCF Shirts are Ordered!

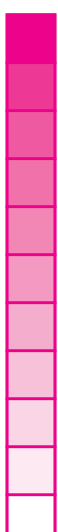
The t-shirts, the sweatshirts, (hoodies) and the polo shirts have been ordered. The prices will be available next week. The shirts should be ready in about three weeks! We will have more specific dates with the prices.

November Birthdays

- 11-02 Tina Clark
- 11-07 Ryan Gullett
- 11-08 Noah Breen
- 11-08 Chris Henkins
- 11-12 Scott Mathisen
- 11-14 Alan Ackerman
- 11-14 Judy Quinonez-Korte
- 11-15 Rochelle Abbey
- 11-15 Becky Windle
- 11-16 Lisa McElroy
- 11-16 Bob Wilson
- 11-18 Jim McMillin
- 11-18 Tony Tillman
- 11-21 Mitch Turner
- 11-24 Tom McKay
- 11-24 Alice McMillin
- 11-26 Renee Breen
- 11-26 Jessica Dunham
- 11-27 David Dunham
- 11-28 Mark Grocholski
- 11-30 Taylor Saxe
- 11-30 Holly Saxe
- 11-30 Cassandra Tillman

November Anniversaries

- 11-06 Cory & Scarlett McCain
- 11-11 Erik & Kristen Wallitner
- 11-28 Jon & Michelle Mackler





Thanksgiving Food Baskets

NOVEMBER IS FINALLY HERE!!!

WE NEED HELP! Please consider helping canvas neighborhoods with Boy Scout Troop 773 to collect donated food. We also need volunteers for packing and stuffing boxes on November 17th. We also need financial help to offset the cost of turkeys. Please consider a donation for this fund.

We have many, many, opportunities for you to help in this ministry. We need every position from prayer warriors to food donations and physical labor.

Looking for a way to help your fellow man this holiday season? Consider helping with the Calvary Chapel Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive. Every donation helps in the fight against hunger in Fernley – no matter how small or large.

Ways you can help:

PRAYER WARRIORS: Make a commitment to pray for this ministry as we do all that needs to be done. Please pray for each of our families in need. Many of them are unsaved. There are many families with young children and older adults who receive our baskets.

FILLER: Please help us fill our baskets. You can donate through the Annual Boy Scout Food Drive and Fill- a- Bus program on October 17, 2007. Our AWANA program also sponsors a "Longest Line Night" which encourages donations from our clubbers. You can also bring personal donations to our Sunday services before October 18. Food donations need to be unopened and unexpired.

TURKEY ALERT: Last year 100 turkeys cost over \$1000. This year we need financial help to offset the cost of turkeys. Please consider a donation for this fund. We are planning to feed almost 150 families.

THE GREAT PICK UP AND SORT: On 11/18 we need people to help us pick up and sort all of the food collected by our church and the Boy Scouts. We are also filling boxes for our families. This is a great family project. We allow all ages and physical types to help.

If you are interested in helping please sign up on the clipboard sheets. If you know of a family in need, please contact Christina Herron or a member of the CCF staff.

Agreeing Hearts Women's Ministry

Another month has flown by. What a month it has been! For me, it has been stressful, but a blessing. I appreciate prayer now more than ever, and believe in its importance with my whole heart.

I invite all the ladies to join us in prayer on Sunday mornings. I had a vision of 20-30 ladies when the Lord laid this on my heart. We usually have four. BUT, I still have the same vision. The unity that Christ prayed for can come only when we are united in prayer. The blessings are unlimited.

I haven't gotten a lot of feedback about fellowship ideas. I am open to all suggestions. My idea is to have a book talk on the book *Blue Like Jazz* by Donald Miller sometime in the beginning of December. This will give us a lot of time to read it, and it will be fun to discuss and get reactions to some of the different ideas.

I want to say again how I love each and every one of you. I felt your prayers and they sustained Joe and I as we waited for the test results. I was reminded again of the amazing blessings I have in the people of this church. We are prayer warriors. The battle is on...

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Vacation Bible School:

Tammy Saxe

Worship Team Leader:

Bob Wilson

Nursery Schedule

Nov. 04th Kristen Wallitner & Hannah Saxe

Nov. 11th Mitch & Karen Turner

Nov. 18th Judy Korte & Amanda Thompson

Nov. 25th Tina Clark & Misty Grgich

Opening Prayer Schedule

Nov. 04 Ted Sax

Nov. 11 Kirk Selby

Nov. 18 Andy Breen

Nov. 25 Dave Dunham

