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## Contagion!

If you are talking to a person and they admit that they have not heard of the coronavirus by now, it would probably be a giveaway that you're talking to someone from the Amish Community. The Center for Disease Control is closely monitoring the (global) impact and, in just a little more than a month into the virus spreading, it has already given the world economic markets a scare. The DOW Jones Industrial Average dropped over 900 points in one day because of the fear of the unknown because it is spreading all over the world. People are afraid. It is just the beginning of trouble if this pandemic is not brought under control. What is so alarming is how fast it has covered the globe. Is there any "Good News" in the midst of this contagion? Let me tell you about the Christians in Wuhan. As long as they could, they were found in the town passing out masks for those who had none. In the midst of a global scare, they were sharing why they have hope in the resurrected Lord Jesus! This is exactly what we are supposed to do as we read in 1 Peter 3:15, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." What a remarkable testimony of the biblical rooted Christians of Wuhan. May they inspire all of us to be faithful to share why we have hope and peace when a majority of the world is living in crippling fear.

Fear, it can spread faster than the coronavirus! Fear is the Contagion that Christians are not to be infected with. The reason for that is, after three

days in the grave, our Savior rose from the dead! John Piper says, "The presence of hope in the invincible sovereignty of God drives out fear." Why would God, in His sovereignty, send the virus to the world? It is absolutely amazing how feeble and frail humanity is. This is the time to put on a showcase that peace belongs to His children in the midst of global fear! As Psalm 46 proclaims: "God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." We are safe and secure in Christ. John MacArthur says: "Understanding Bi-



ble prophecy encourages in two unique ways. First, it serves as a reminder that God controls history. When you read from the pages of Scripture how He keeps His promises, your faith is strengthened...By reflecting on the fulfilled promises of the past, you can find great comfort as you look toward the future. Second, understanding God's promises for the future provides a solid foundation to which you can anchor your hope—a sturdy shield with which you can deflect your doubts and fears about tomorrow...When you reflect on God's plans and promises for you and for the world, you can face the future without fear." Now, keep in mind that Jesus said in Luke 21:25: "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with

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power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." Just think, people's hearts will fail them because of fear! But the people Jesus is speaking about are people who do not have their hope in Him, they have it in everything but Him. And the result of that is death! But He tells the believers to "Lift up your heads!" That is, do not be discouraged because of all the horrible things that are in the world, but hope in Him because He's coming back!

We need to get serious about our walk with God and ask the hard question if we are contagious. How has real biblical, life-changing Christianity reached to the ends of the earth? Because someone who has truly been Born Again, touched some-

one who was lost and they became infected with Hope! John Newton, the author of the most famous Hymn ever sung (Amazing Grace) says, "If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us, His arm over us, His ear open to our prayer – His grace sufficient, His promise unchangeable." Let us go to the world that is in a Pandemic of Fear and give the hope of the Gospel!

Robert Murray McCheyne said, "Are we not all immortal till our work is done?"

To the praise of our unfailing, sovereign God, let us be steadfast in hope!

*Pastor David*



Dear Calvary Family,

We would like for you to be on the lookout for upcoming events available to the whole church family...adults and children!

First to look for is the **Ark Encounters Trip** on April 24 & 25. The bus will leave the church at 4 p.m. on Friday. We plan to return by 10 p.m. on Saturday. Each person will be responsible for meals and the entrance fee. The entrance fee is as follows: adults \$50 per ticket, youth ages 11-17 \$25 per ticket, kids 10 and under are free. The church will take care of the transportation and hotel fees.

You should also be on the lookout for **Terrific Tuesdays** beginning the first Tuesday in June and ending the last Tuesday in July. We will be meeting from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. We will be teach-

ing life lessons. Our activities will include: Bible lessons, meals, recreation, and various community leaders will be speaking with the children on a weekly basis. Terrific Tuesday will not meet during the week of VBS. Any youth age 15 or older interested in helping this Summer with Terrific Tuesdays please contact Curtis Engle.

Also, **Cornhole** and **Game Night** coming May. Don't forget **Adult Basketball** Monday nights at 7 p.m. and **Pickleball** Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

If you need to schedule an event in the Christian Life Center, please contact Mike at the church office.

God Bless!

Curtis






# March



BIRTHDAYS

1 Don Banks, 4 Isabella Thomas, Caroline Podvin, 5 Darren Ricker, 6 Juanita Engle, 7 Merle Fain, 9 Logan Rice, 11 Leah Edney, 12 Dianne Davison, Raben Reed, Cheri Smart, 15 Dan Moore, Cyndi Caudle, Carla Engle, 16 Pam Amos, Julya Colinger, 18 Karen Edwards, Carl Engle, 19 Bernie Jones, 20 Russell Miller, Janna Crutchfield, Kenleigh Ciralsky, 21 Leonard Bowman 22 Jane Burgner, David White, Sam Dalton, 24 Steve Blankenship, 25 Carol Whaley, Adam White, 27 Jason Podvin, 28 Draven Ricker, Christol Edney, 29 Linda Treadway

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  A.M. Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11 am Evening Service 6:30 pm	2  Appalachian Trail Ministry Meeting 6:00	3	4  MEXICAN FIESTA 6:00 p.m.	5	6	7  TIME TO SPRING FORWARD Set your clock ahead tonight
8 <span style="background-color: #9c27b0; color: white; padding: 2px;">Daylight Saving Time Begins</span> Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11 am Budget Mtg. 4:30 Evening Service 6:30 pm	9 Deacons Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10	11 Awana & Youth Group 6 pm Business Mtg. 6:30 pm	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11 am Evening Service 6:30 pm	16	17	18 Awana & Youth Group 6 pm Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 pm	 FIRST DAY OF Spring	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11 am Evening Service 6:30 pm	23	24	25 Awana & Youth Group 6 pm Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 pm	26	27	28
29 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11 am Evening Service w/ Children's Bible Drill 6:30 pm	30	31	 <p style="font-size: small; text-align: right;">                         "For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." Isaiah 61:11                     </p>			

## February Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF

**Luke Fronckaski**

by Gary & Pam Amos  
to Consolidated Missions

**Art Delgado**

by Ellen Delgado

**Gene Ramsey**

by Allen & Shirley Rogers

**Dixie Higgins Killen**

by the Bereavement Team  
to The Building Fund

**Linda Roberts**

by Alean Hughes

IN HONOR OF

**Bill Little**

by Allen & Shirley Rogers

April 25-26, 2020

**The Ark Encounter**

See Curtis for more info and to sign-up

*In Our Hearts & Prayers*

to the families of  
**Bill Little**

**Dixie Higgins Killen**



The Sunday a.m. service is broadcast on Facebook

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Service times at

*Calvary*

**SUNDAY**  
9:45 a.m.

11:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
6:00 p.m.  
6:30 P.M.  
7:30 P.M.

Bible Study &  
Children's Programs  
Morning Worship  
Handbells  
Evening Worship

AWANA & Youth  
Prayer Meeting  
Choir Rehearsal

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