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2022-Half Time Report

June is a reminder that this year is already on the downhill side. What an amazing reality that time is going by so fast. So Psalm 90:10-12 is God's Word calling us to attention of where we are. The first part of this verse sounds like a soap opera, "The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Part of this verse was our Fighter Verse for the first week of June. And if we will number our days and ask God to give us wisdom from above, we will be useful in His kingdom. Time is of the essence and time is running out! So let's make the last part of the verse a prayer, "So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." His wisdom guides us to walk through life in such a way that we are leading others to Christ. What tragedy, to miss out on the important opportunities of this short life. So setting priorities is very important when it comes to being a good steward of time. Maybe you have heard how some people come to the end of their life and say, "I wish I would have worked more, taken less vacations, saved more money and paid more taxes!" No, not hardly. With the reality of where we are in 2022, let us pray, Lord Jesus, "teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Would you take just a few minutes, look back six months and do some soul searching? As you make

Psalm 90 a prayer, you will find Him faithful to guide you. We want the last half of this year to be better than the first. That is, we want to be obedient, trusting, believing Him in what He has said. Since Psalm 90 is our prayer, "teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Then let's do what He tells us to do in Isaiah 58:5-7, "Is it a fast that I have chosen, a day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, and to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord? "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh?"

This is a short update on what Calvary Cares has been doing to redeem the time and help those who have need in our own community. Every two weeks, that is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, Calvary Cares is reaching our own with food, clothes and "The Bread of Life." Thank you to each and every one who have given to make this possible. Continue to pray that we might reach our community with the Good News of God's forgiveness in Christ Jesus. Oh Lord Jesus, "teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Pastor David

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A Word from Christain



Greetings!

It's time for another update from the student ministry.

We're still studying the doctrine of salvation on Sunday mornings. Since the last newsletter, we've completed a study on regeneration (the reception of spiritual life in the place of spiritual death), conversion (the transition from unbelief to belief), and justification (the declaration of righteousness from God based on the exchange of Christ's righteousness for our guilt). Now we're discussing the adoption we've received from God the Father (the legal and relational change from being an enemy to a son or daughter of God). After that, we'll study sanctification, perseverance, and glorification, which will probably take the rest of June and July to complete.

On Sunday nights, we're still working our way through the Book of Proverbs. We're halfway through Chapter 22, so we're making progress. Themes include reputation, partiality and prejudice, prudence, humility, traps, parenting, slavery, justice, generosity, exile, politics, retribution, laziness, adultery, discipline, and oppression. And that's just half of this chapter. I pray these lessons stick while the students are still young.

On Wednesday nights, we completed our study on the Book of Colossians. Since then, we've returned to studying church history. A few months ago, we completed a study of the Church Fathers.

Now we're moving onto the next major period of church history. It's often called the Middle or Medieval Ages. Naturally, this period gets its name because it's in-between the Church Fathers and the Reformation, which are periods of history that Protestants typically love to study. Whereas, the Middle or Medieval period is often looked at as a period of compromise and demise. To be honest, I think the Church Fathers receive too much flattery and not enough flak for the Middle Ages. The Middle Ages was a reaping of what the church fathers sowed. However, it should also be said that the Middle Ages has good in it. Church history is messy regardless of the period, century, or decade discussed, and regardless of the figure or event discussed. There's always good and bad. That should be expected for two reasons. First, Christians are both sinners and saints, which will have good and bad results. And second, God is always at work in the church and in the world, which will include salvation and judgment. At the moment, we're focusing on the rise of Islam and its effect on the church and the world in the Middle Ages. It's amazing that a small band of religious outcasts became the leaders of an empire in 100 years. That happened partly because the church was both corrupted and divided along theological and political lines. Ideas have consequences. Biblical disobedience impacts both the church and the world.

For this month's youth event, we'll be having a pool party. It's time for a swim and a sun burn.

The Lord bless you all! Keep us in your prayers!





Timeout! The clock read 00:59 in the 4th quarter. The home team had just scored. The visiting Vikings led by a score of 20 to 19. Going for the 2 point conversion was the play.

It was a cold starry night in October, the game could be won or lost on the results of this play. Known as, "Mr. Consistent" for the home team, their quarterback was a senior, especially chosen for this moment. As the snap came rolling on the ground, the situation was dire! With poise the QB scooped up the ball managing an out-stretched hand-off to his junior half-back. He ran wide left, staying in-bounds, fighting through tackles as the football magic happened. The score was now UCHS 21/Bristol 20 with 45 seconds left to play. As good as this was, it gets better.

Two high school footballers shared a highlight moment only to part ways at graduation. But

God said, "we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which He prepared before hand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10. Fast-forward 25 years to the time Larkey meets Jill and comes to Calvary. That junior half-back is already at Calvary waiting for an enthusiastic teammate to energize and share the vision of building churches and helping orphans. Over the next several years Calvary sends teams to Romania, Moldova, and Brooklyn helping churches and orphans. Larkey, Jill, myself, and a host of others from Texas and North Carolina answer "the call" to go. We did!

To God be the glory for all the things He has let us join Him in His doing. I'm blessed to have that ole quarterback as my brother in Christ eternally. Continue to run well my brother. Remember this: I always line up directly behind you because that's where God put me!

Maranatha,
Curtis



We are inching closer to Bible School. The theme verse for VBS is Ephesians 2:10. We are God's workmanship, and He has created us all uniquely with different talents and abilities. We have been created in the image of Christ for good works which God prepared ahead of time for us to do. God is in control yesterday, today and forever. What an awesome God we serve!

I was reminded recently that it is important to be intentional for Christ, and to be willing to follow Him, whatever the cost. God calls us to follow Him fully. With that being said, if you have the talent and ability to serve in the children's program, I challenge you to be willing to serve. Our kids need our love, support, and guidance.

We have a summer calendar full of events to

include: Just Jump, Paradise Acres, Bowling, Bays Mountain, and Doe River Gorge, and Kid's Camp. Please refer to your summer calendars because times differ each week. The family camping trip was a great time of fellowship and fun. We look forward to repeating this event in the future. There will be other family outings but dates are to be determined. If you have family event ideas, please let me know.

Presently, our kids are transitioning from a study on "The Life of Jesus" to a study on "Fruit of the Spirit". We continue to study answers in Genesis as well. Awana and Bible Drill will resume in the fall. Wonderful Wednesdays are fun and we usually have treats so don't forget Wednesdays at 6pm. Any questions or concerns are welcomed and encouraged. Please call me at 423-220-7386.

Blessings to you all,
Alicia Smith



Happy Birthday



JUNE

JULY

6 Sophie Morgan Edens, Mackenzie Whaley, 7 Jill Sullivan, 10 Curtis Engle, 11 Cindy Gillis, 12 Tommy Bennett, Antionnete Giovannelli, Sadie Griffith, 13 Mike Peterson, 15 Floy Harris, 16 Cecilia Baker, 17 Lisa Davis, Sue Noakes, 18 Valerie Higgins, Terry Higgins, 19 Claire Chateaufneuf, 21 Matthew Gryder, 24 Amy Reed, 25 Laura Bryant, Gina Clark, Bob Pratt, 26 Nina Hyder, Heather Ricker, 27 Ginger Dalton, Dillon Sifford, 29 Shelby Lloyd, Daniel Crutchfield, 30 Kim Bennett, Alexandria Edwards, Ashleigh Edwards

1 Amber Manfull, Ethan Rice, 2 Joseph Greene, Brinkley Spiczynski, 3 Ashlee Graham, Mildred Silvers, 6 Christy Griffith, 8 Christine Davidson, Karl Thomas, Thomas Whaley, 14 Vicki Harris, Evan Spiczynski, 17 Shirley Wilson, Hannah Rice, 18 Jill McInturff, 20 Bonnie Barnett, 21 Jimmy Bailey, 24 Judith Edwards, 25 Gina Horton, Wanda Sparks, 27 Clyde Harrell, 30 Debbie Blankenship, Doug Treadway, 31 Heather Davidson

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Dick Bradford

by Gene & Betty Frye

by Glen & Tonette Jones, Penny Hoilman & Girls

by Allen & Shirley Rogers

by Danny & Patricia Culbreth

to Consolidated Missions

by Gary & Pam Amos

by John & Floy Harris

to The Building Fund

by Leonard & Jean Bowman

by Regular Fellows Class

by Dorcas/Homemakers Class

In Memory of Deborah Ramey

by Edward & Pamela Chase

In Memory of Dallas Ricker

by John & Floy Harris

to Consolidated Missions

In Honor of Doug Congdon & Jerry Bennett

by Diana Davis




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Calvary

SUNDAY

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11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship
Evening Worship
Youth Bible Study
Calvary Kids

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Calvary Kids
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