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## October Renewal

The weather is turning cool; hurricane Ian has already blown through Florida leaving everyone wet and wondering about the rest of the season. But this one thing remains the same, our unchanging God. How thankful we are for His attribute of immutability as the world appears to be under a level of judgment. To what extent, that judgment is yet to be revealed. On Twitter, I tried to have a witness with a Ukrainian who was using foul language about Russia. Trying to use reason, logic, sound judgment, and the Scripture guiding it all, I was accused of being a Russian hack, a spy if you will. The point that I was trying to make from the Bible was and should always be, wisdom in how to provide, protect, and take care of people. Biting the hand that holds the gas valve does not seem to be the smartest thing to do. It gets really cold in Europe and the possibilities of what could happen leaves us all wondering what this winter might look like. The thought of a nuclear winter brings it to the next level that we live in perilous times. And as we are approaching the end of a long study on the life and ministry as well as the Epistles of Peter, God has given us clear direction that we should live godly lives submitting to God, submitting to one another, submitting to the authorities, and submitting of wives to their husbands. That is clear direction in a foggy future.

How are God's people to respond and be proactive in our day? Like everyone who has gone before

us, trusting and obeying His Word. As the writer to the Hebrews says in 10:24-25, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." It is obvious the dwindling attendance across all denominations has been devastating with many churches closing their doors. Let this be received in the spirit in which it is written. For people to go to football games where the stadiums are packed, but stay away from church because of COVID, is to be self-deceived at best. The command could not be more clear as we see the Day drawing near. We need to gather for corporate worship. God is worthy of our praise. We need to study His Word, pray, fellowship and as the text says, "stir up love and good works." If those things are lacking, we can become complacent, and if we are not careful our hearts can descend into a winter's cold night that may prove to be devastating. As John Wesley once said when he came to saving faith, "My heart was strangely warmed." When it comes to your own spiritual well being, it's a matter of health. You can't blame being fat on anyone but yourself. But there is something that can be done about that. Are you part of the group stirring up things like love and good works? Are you encouraging people to come back to Sunday school, to the worship hour, and to reaching out in genuine Christian care? It starts with a choice.



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Hopefully you are not part of the "Cold Water Bucket Brigade" committed to putting out any fire for love of God and man. Let us be more active than ever going into what might be a long, cold winter. If it is, then let it be that we go into it with our hearts purified by the blood of Jesus, red hot for service to God and one another. God's Word is our lamp that will light our way and keep us warm through the most severe storms of life.

Looking forward to what God has for us this Fall. Maybe repentance would be a good start for the

renewal that God has for all of His children who turn to Him in faith. Don't give into the cold fog or the darkness. Let the light of the love of God dispel doubt and discouragement as you are used as His hand extended to people being snowed under an avalanche of the cares of life. Be part of the group stirring things up in "love and good works." It will prepare the way for a meaningful Thanksgiving and a Christ-centered Christmas.

*Pastor David*



Greetings, Calvary family.

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

First of all, we survived the rafting trip in September. It seems that it was the perfect time to go. The weather was great, and the water wasn't too low. I think most of the kids that fell in the water did so because someone else threw them out.

On Sunday mornings, we finished the doctrine of humanity. We studied our divine origin, what it means to be made in God's image, that we are both bodies and souls, and that we have sinful natures, which fortunately, is a temporary reality for believers in Jesus. In October, we'll begin the doctrine of the church, which will actually be the last major doctrine to cover. After that, I think I'll focus on the storyline of Scripture, so that the students can see

how the Bible fits together.

I decided to swap the Sunday night and Wednesday night studies. As a result, on Sundays, we're working through the Book of Romans. We finished up Chapter 3 and are working through Chapter 4. Thus far, the message has focused on the sinfulness of humanity. On Wednesdays, we're studying the Book of Psalms. We're currently working on the fifth Psalm. I swapped the Sunday night and Wednesday night studies because we've added small group discussions to our Wednesday gatherings, and it's easier to make discussion questions for Psalms than it is Romans. That's because Romans is a very conceptual book, at least at the start.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our camping and hiking trip for the end of September due to the weather. Hurricanes. I thought we would skip them this year. I thought wrong.





Who's packing your parachute?

A Kansas farm boy, Charles Plumb, was shot down in Vietnam. Managing to safely eject, Charles parachuted into enemy hands. Upon release from POW camp, it was 6 years later, Plumb and his wife were at a restaurant, where he was approached by a fellow veteran. Unashamedly, the Vet questioned, "You're Plumb? You flew fighter jets from the Kitty Hawk! You were shot down!" This stranger seemed to have accurate info, but how? The unnamed Vet, paused then smiled, "I packed your parachute! Guess it worked?"

Plumb was the venerated hero of the war. The parachute packer is obviously the Unsung Hero. God alone knows how often you may get shot down! HE has placed "parachute packers" all along your journey through this life. If you are aware of someone like this in your life, for heaven's sake give them a rose NOW! No hesitation! And be intentional to become an "Unsung Hero" for somebody. If you're "shot down," "be confident of this very thing, HE who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:6)."

Love heals the pain; Hope pushes past the guilt into the victory!

Curtis



We serve an awesome God! We have been talking in class about Matthew 6:25-34 and emphasizing how much God cares for us. God cares

about His whole creation including the flowers of the field and the birds. So how does God have time to care for us so deeply and personally? God is omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, and God loves us with "Agape love". It is so humbling to study the Bible and see how God continually reveals His love for us.

As I look around and see the beautiful colors of changing leaves, I get caught up in the majesty of our Creator God. As I feel this small but unique life move inside my abdomen, I am constantly in awe of God's design. It is so easy to get caught up in the trials and uncertainties of life, but we should never doubt God's presence in every situation in our lives. Why? Because God loves and cares for us. Let us always love God and serve Him with glad-

ness.

The Children's Church and Awana schedule for this fall season is available on the table near the entrance of the CLC. Please call or text me with questions concerning our kids programming and curriculum (220-7386). We have already completed an Awana update and training session, but if there are questions regarding the program, please let me know ASAP.

Our staff completed a small group training session in the recent past, and it was very educational. I appreciate the opportunity. After meeting with the Children's Leadership Team, this past Sunday, I am encouraged and looking forward to what the future holds for our Calvary Kids. One last bit of information: the date for our baby girl's arrival is quickly approaching and Terri Graham will fill in during my absence.

Alicia

# November 5th





# Happy Birthday



## October

1 Gabriel Thomas, 4 Deniece Hudson, 5 Laura Rogers,  
 6 Rebecca Tilson, 8 Karen Ford, Mike Riddle, 9 Kevin Horton,  
 Isaiah Tipton, Andrew Bowman, 10 David Crutchfield,  
 11 Beth Shelton, 13 Rick Bailey, Mike Faust, 16 Peyton Higgins,  
 Ima Jean Hendrix, Tamera Engle, 20 Eric Crawford,  
 21 Doug Congdon, 25 Gary Amos, Tom Harris, Evelyn Pfaender,  
 28 Kenneth Silvers, Jean Thompson, 29 Tom Shelton,  
 31 Andrea Bowman, 31 Beverly Spiczynski

## Memorials & Honorariums

### *In Memory of*

**Ed Harris**

*by David Crutchfield  
 to Calvary Cares  
 by The Dorcas/Homemakers S.S. Class  
 to Calvary Cares*

**J.W. Colinger**

*by Sheldon & Tina Roark  
 to Missions*

### *In Honor of*

**Gene & Betty Frye**


*by JoAnn Cole  
 to Calvary Cares*



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Service times at  
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#### SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.  
 11:00 a.m.  
 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School  
 Morning Worship  
 Evening Worship  
 Youth Bible Study  
 Calvary Kids

#### WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

Awana  
 Youth & Adult  
 Bible Study  
 Choir Practice

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