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Freedom

We have crossed over into the second half of the year. It's going by fast, so let's slow down and take time to give God thanks for the great things He has done. God blessed Calvary with a wonderful vacation bible school (VBS). The children learned about the kingdom of God and how God has given His complete armor for His children to wage a victorious battle. Although this is a spiritual battle, the difference between the two kingdoms are visible. The contrast between light and darkness is clearly seen by the moral stand people take for God, and for those who are on the side of the devil. As the country celebrates the 4th of July, let us remember that Christ has liberated us from the power of sin. The lives of people who now belong to God are clearly different from those who are still slaves to sin. However, the battle against the world, the flesh and the devil is very real. So if you have been ensnared by the enemy, follow the instruction of Scripture and get back in the battle. The armor that God has provided, is not a story for children to turn into a time to go to the playground, build castles and throw cotton balls at one another. The armor is to be rightly used to wage a real warfare as Paul says in Ephesians 6:12, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." God spoke to little lives as they gathered in the sanctuary to learn songs that had the theme of the armor. The children then went to class where they were taught the Bible and how to advance God's kingdom through missions.



God's love and truth (the Gospel) that is found in His Word, is His method of advancing His kingdom. The children collected quarters as they were taught, one meal cost a quarter. They raised \$928.27 for hunger relief in Nepal. The food will be given in Jesus name, to share His love in a tangible way as the Gospel will be given. As VBS came to a close, the children packed up and went to Fun in the Sun Summer Camp. The children had a lot of fun, but most important, they got more Gospel teaching and training. Please be in prayer for all these precious children. Our desire is to see each of them come to faith in Christ at the earliest age, and be well prepared and equipped to fight the good fight of faith. Calvary is staying the course in, "contending for the faith" and being as practical as possible to fulfill our part of the great commission. Calvary Cares continues to help in our own community. There is a missions team from Calvary in Wisconsin laboring away to help a sister church. The staff will once again be partnering with Anna Huggins and the Holston Baptist Association to teach children at the Baptist Center in Johnson City. And it was refreshing to see Bryan, Mary and the children in from their place of service with the IMB. Let us continue to look for open doors that God gives us, so others may know the truth and be liberated from the tyranny of sin and be "free indeed."

Happy 4th of July!

Pastor David



Greetings, Calvary family!

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

On Sunday mornings, we're working our way through the doctrine of the Christian life.

We've begun with a study of the spiritual disciplines of the Christian life. These are patterns of behavior for the purposes of obedience and growth in godliness. So far, we have talked about Bible intake, prayer, worship, service, stewardship, and fasting. My hope and prayer is that the students become consistent practitioners of these disciplines while they're young.

On Sunday evenings, we have completed our series on Romans, which is probably Paul's most famous letter. After this, we'll continue the Book of Hebrews, which I preached from not too long ago. By the end, my hope is that the students understand how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament and how Christianity is much superior to old covenant Judaism.

On Wednesday evenings, we have completed our series on the Psalms, which was very rewarding. And we have started a new series on the Minor Prophets (Hosea through Malachi). Instead of getting a detailed view of each book, which would probably take me years to do, I've decided to do a quicker overview of each prophet. We'll do this by reading each prophet in one sitting if we can. I've also decided to do this chronologically, so that they can see the narrative of Israel's decline and exile and Judah's decline and exile as we go. So far, we have studied Jonah and Amos. My hope is that students see how patient and gracious God is. At the same time, I hope they also see that disobeying God as a nation brings grave consequences.

In June, we got to enjoy together the free fishing day in Tennessee; I prayed for at least one fish, and I caught it. A number of the students got to help with VBS this year; I had a great time with the 4th-6th graders. We helped deliver furniture to the

Mission House for the Holston Baptist Association. And we got to help serve people through Calvary Cares.

In July, we might go see the Sound of Freedom movie starring Jim Caviezel on the week of July 4th. The plan is for the boys to enjoy a paintball trip while the girls enjoy a pottery trip on July 8th. We'll have a combined youth and Trail Life event with John Harris on July 14th, where he and his friend will teach us gun safety. We'll go to the Baptist Center the week of July 17th in order to teach kids about Christianity in the nearby apartments. And we might have a water event on July 29th.

This month's book recommendation is Gary North's *Unholy Spirits*, which is a study of paranormal and demonic activity. I haven't finished the book yet, but what I've read so far has been fascinating. Here are some examples. Did you know there have been numerous eyewitness accounts of spontaneous human combustion, even into the 20th century (when North wrote this book)? People caught on fire, didn't feel pain, and didn't burn their houses or furniture around them, but even jumping into a body of water couldn't stop the flames from spreading and killing them. Did you know that putting razor blades on a pyramid structure has caused the blades to never go dull? Did you know that putting dead remains in the Pharaoh's chamber has caused the remains not to decay for an abnormally long time? Again, I haven't finished the book, but it has been a fascinating read. North's main thesis is that civilizations see an increased amount of paranormal activity (which he interprets as demonic activity) and outright demonic activity before undergoing a collapse or massive change. If North's thesis is correct, then we may be headed in that direction ourselves, for we have seen an increase in outright Satanism in our country, and there are increased reports of the bizarre, including UFO sightings.

Christain





Awake unto righteousness and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame (1 Corinthians 15:34)." "Everyone wake up! Arise from your slumber!" shouted dad. "Get dressed ASAP! My plan is to be at the graveyard just after sun-rise. We have 8 graves to visit, pray and decorate before church. Did someone question what for? It's Memorial Day! We do this once per year, every year at this same time. How can you forget?" Yes, sadly we do forget that May 28 is a day of remembrance.

Before this date became a national holiday, before the United States even existed, God chose this date for something special. He made a holy convocation centered on the firstfruits of the wheat harvest. God announced this "feast of weeks" festival over fourteen hundred years before Messiah. Believing Jews brought their new grain offering of firstfruits as a burnt offering. A sweet aroma to the Lord. This earthly celebration was to continue yearly until Messiah came to establish His kingdom and continue till the end of that earthly kingdom.

Messiah's life on earth, His death, burial, resurrection, brought new meaning to this firstfruits fes-

tival. Today we know this celebration as Pentecost. Jesus promised in Acts 1:8, power through the Holy Spirit to participate in this wheat harvest of souls. Believers should understand that the Spirit, Himself, is the firstfruits of every true believer's inheritance (Ephesians 1:14).

While the Holy Spirit is the down payment on our own personal salvation, He is also the agent to secure the full harvest of the wheat. However, we are the physical representation of the body of Christ. Ephesians 2:20, "We are His workmanship, created in Messiah Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." These good works prove the "doer" of the work to be more than just a hearer of the word and separates that person from the natural into the spiritual revealing the true workmanship of Jesus. Amen

Many opportunities are available this summer for you to step out of your comfort zone. Deep inside every warrior is a child yet in one step of faith that child can become a warrior again through the filling of the Spirit. Every move is a choice mad YOU! I pray, you make the faith choice.

Curtis



What an awesome VBS and children's camp! As we studied Ephesians 6 in VBS, we learned how we can be strong in the Lord. We also learned about the armor that God gives us to fight spiritual battles. The curriculum was rich in truth. The sword, our truth, is vital in this world we live in. Our kids are being bombarded with an identity crisis and the "I" mentality. We want every child to know how to stand firm on the truth of God's Word. We want every child to know that they are created in the image of God and their identity is in Christ. We want our kids to know that they should serve God only and not pursue selfish behavior. We had an average attendance of 115 individuals each night at Keepers of the Kingdom. Thank you to all who served as leaders! You all did an amazing job sharing the love of Christ to all the children who attended! As a result of the kids bringing quarters for Children's Hunger Fund, 3713 meals will be provided for families in need.

We praise God for keeping us safe as we traveled to Carson Springs for camp. It rained a lot, and we are so thankful for God's protection and provision. Our camp theme was "The Army of the

Lord". There were several great sermons to include such topics: Oaths mean something (Numbers 30:2), Jesus is our commander in chief (John 15:10 and 1 John 2:4), The Bible is our field manual (2 Timothy 3:16-17 and John 20:31), Jesus is our banner (John 3:14-15), Our enemy/battleground (Ephesians 6:12-13). Children's camp provided a time of reflection for the children, as well as, a time for growth in their spiritual walk. Seeds have been planted. We trust our Risen Savior to work in the lives of each boy and girl. Please pray for every child to surrender all to Jesus and walk in truth.

We look forward to a fun-filled summer! Events are located on our CBC Erwin app. Please let me know if you have any questions/concerns. Please be praying and thinking of how you can get involved and help with the Children's Program. We really, really, really need extra helpers with our Sunday morning class rotations. Also, our church is serving at the Baptist Center during the week of July 17th. Please contact me if you can help.

Huzzah, (In case you weren't at VBS, this means "Hooray")

Alicia Smith, Children's Director



Happy Birthday



JUNE

6 Mackenzie Whaley, 7 Jill Sullivan, 10 Curtis Engle, 11 Cindy Gillis, 12 Tommy Bennett, 15 Floy Harris, 16 Cecilia Baker, 17 Lisa Davis, Sue Noakes, 18 Valerie Higgins, Terry Higgins, 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

JULY

1 Amber Manfull, Ethan Rice, 2 Brinkley Spiczynski, 4 Mildred Silvers, 6 Christy Griffith, 8 Christine Davidson, Thomas Whaley, 14 Vicki Harris, Evan Spiczynski, 15 David Bacon, 17 Shirley Wilson, Hannah Rice, 18 Jill McInturff, 20 Bonnie Barnett, 21 Jimmy Bailey, 24 Judith Edwards, 25 Gina Horton, Wanda Sparks, 30 Debbie Blankenship, Doug Treadway, 31 Judy Bacon, Heather Davidson

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In Memory of

Joyce Miller

by Betty Willhauck
by Murlean Tucker
by Billie & Kenneth Scott
by Almira Miller

to Consolidated Missions
by David & Jane Burgner

by Pamela Chase
by Amy & Babe Grissom
by Shirley & Allen Rogers
by Leonard & Jean Bowman
by Tommy & Phyllis Bennett

by Diana Davis
by Larry & Vickie Pate
by Lynne & Charles Ray
by The Erwin National Blue Ridge Pottery Club
Sheldon & Tina Roark
Kathy Allen

by David Crutchfield
to Gideons International

Eva Griffith

by Gary & Pam Amos

Lois Yelton

by The Unicoi County Republican Party

Gene Frye

to Consolidated Missions
by Dorcas/Homemakers Class
by Diana Davis

by Leonard & Jean Bowman
by Sheldon & Tina Roark

by The Steadman Harrison Family
by David & Jane Burgner
by Allen & Shirley Rogers

by Jo Ann Cole
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Calvary

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6:00 p.m.

Sunday School
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Evening Worship
Youth Bible Study
Calvary Kids

WEDNESDAY

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6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

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Bible Study
Choir Practice

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