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Open Doors

Summer has come and is quickly passing. School is starting and prayerfully everyone will get back in routine, including the routine of going to Sunday school and church. Hopefully and prayerfully we can look back over the summer and see where there has been opportunity to minister the love and truth of Christ. One of the things that has stood out in the Gospel of John is, "For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." To borrow from a preacher from yesteryear, "We don't condemn, we don't condone. We give God's truth by His grace and in His love."

Calvary Cares has strategically pinpointed an area of need in the community. With school starting, the effort of collecting school supplies with the distribution was well received by the local schools. God has continued to supply the needs for the ministry, as we share the love of God in a practical way. Also, be aware of the growing ministry of the Home School Co-Op. The opening day is August 25. It will begin with a devotion and then the children going to their classes. This ministry continues to grow. Please be in prayer in how you can serve. Pray for the leadership team and for everyone who is teaching. Also, the church has been ministering in the local jail for years. Chaplain Lyle Wilcox continues to faithfully teach and share the Gospel on a



regular basis. Calvary has been supplying Bibles for those who respond to the Gospel and have a desire to follow Christ in baptism. Calvary also provides a discipleship book called, "Fundamentals Of The Faith" by John MacArthur. This is a 13 lesson study on the fundamentals of the Christian life. It is exceptionally practical and leads the student (disciple) to know the books of the Bible and who Jesus is according to the Scripture. The command is to make a disciple, to do that, there has to be teaching on who Christ is and what it means to follow Him. One reason someone who has been incarcerated is more open to listening to the Gospel, is they have been humbled. Before they get out (If they get out) we want to equip them with the truth of what it means to follow Christ. James Montgomery Boice says, "In the days of hardship, particularly persecution, those who are in the process of becoming Christians count the cost of discipleship carefully before taking up the cross of the Nazarene. Preachers do not beguile them with false promises of an easy life or indulgence of sins. But in good times, the cost does not seem so high, and people take the name of Christ without undergoing the radical transformation of life that true conversion implies." May God continue to give us the grace to make disciples.

A word of encouragement as we pick our tomatoes, gather our beans and cut our okra.

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May God help us to be mindful that it is harvest time. There are some open doors in our community and we are trusting God to continue to lead us as we serve Him. Let us serve Him in ways that He has made clear in His Word. For the day will come when it will be over, that is, His judgment will fall on the wicked. The only way out of God's eternal judgment is to be found in Christ, clothed in His righteousness. So we have a message that is "Good News." Let us share while we can. JC Ryle says, "Now is the school time – then the

eternal holiday. Now is the tossing on the waves of a troublesome world – then the quiet harbor. Now is the scattering – then is the gathering. Now is the time of sowing – then is the harvest period. Now is the working season – then the wages. Now is the cross – then the Crown."

Let us labor in unity for the Gospel.

Pastor David



Greetings, Calvary family!

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

On Sunday mornings, we're still working our way through the doctrine of the Christian life. We finished our series on the spiritual disciplines. Now we're working on a series called the standards of godliness. The spiritual disciplines taught us how to grow. The standards of godliness teach us what we're supposed to grow in. So far, we've focused on humility, contentment, gratitude, and joy. It's been a convicting series. I'm really thankful for the opportunity to study it with the students.

On Sunday evenings, we're working our way through the Book of Hebrews. We've made it to Chapter 4, which overwhelmingly has two emphases: entering God's rest and not hardening ourselves against Jesus. The two themes are related. If we harden ourselves against Jesus, we'll never enter God's rest. But if we maintain our confession in Jesus, then we will enter God's rest. We get a taste of this rest in this life; we see the full fulfillment of it in eternity. The new covenant is a wonderful reality for us Christians. Maintain your confession to enjoy the fullness of it.

On Wednesday evenings, we're still working our way through the Minor Prophets. We've covered Jonah, Amos, and Hosea in their entirety. Now we'll get into Micah. The more I read these Minor Prophets, the more I

see that they fit our times. Similar to Israel, America became a nation in covenant with God during the times of the Puritans. Like Israel, we quickly became prosperous and powerful as a result of obedience to that covenant. Like Israel, we have slowly become an apostate nation with much disobedience to that covenant. Just as Israel and Judah deserved judgment, so also do we. Just as God used disaster to bring them to repentance and obedience, I think the same will happen to us. I believe America will eventually return to covenant faithfulness with God. But I think it'll take disaster to bring us back to that point. We've already had a few hard years. I expect things to get harder in 2024. The night might get very dark, but it'll make the day all the more glorious when it comes. Let's continue to pray for awakening and reformation. Let's continue to labor for awakening and reformation. And let's do what we can to make our homes and our church ever more faithful to God's covenant.

We enjoyed a lot of events over the summer. For August, we plan on having a camping trip at Appalachian Christian Camp. We also plan on having round two of the gun safety training.

This month's book recommendation is Douglas Wilson's *Mere Christendom*. It's a quick and easy read about a Christian model of politics. As the days get darker due to secularism and apostasy, Wilson's words will prove more prophetic and timely.

Christain



Back to school! Which school do you go to? Have you been through the school of hard knocks? All of life seems to be a schooling and sometimes we have to repeat a subject or even a semester. At work people are periodically updated and retrained. Even God demands continued schooling: "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach diligently to your children, shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk be the way, when you lie down and when you rise up (Deut. 6:7)." I can almost hear your sigh of relief as you remember your

God given freedom in God's Grace! But what did Paul say to Timothy?" "Be diligent to present/to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Now does 2 Timothy 2:15 sound similar to Deuteronomy 6:7? Yes it does, so what is my take away from this? I am free to home-school, to Sunday School, To Vacation Bible School, to Seminary extension school. I can go to school with Jesus everyday for my entire life. "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:57)."

Curtis



BACK to SCHOOL



What a great summer we have had! We have enjoyed outings together and learned at the same time. We praise God for His provision and for keeping us safe! The children's department wants to thank our church body for praying for and supporting our kids. We also want to give a big thanks to the volunteers who teach and help with the children's program!

What a privilege it is to see these young minds growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus! Their little minds are like sponges and they soak up more than we realize. This past week, all of the children were able to recite by memory Jeremiah 29:13 which states, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." That is our continued goal... we should all be seeking the Lord wholeheartedly. This type of seeking takes 100% effort. Let us do what is stated in Matthew 7:7, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. "

We are looking forward to our last family camping event before school starts back! Hopefully it will be a time when families can make lasting memories together and enjoy nature. Please be in prayer for all of the teachers in our community. Pray that teachers will have wisdom, discernment, patience and skill as they teach. Please pray for the students to have an eagerness to learn and a safe year of study. Please pray for school leaders to humble themselves before the Lord and guide effectively.

Awana will be starting back in September after the kids have settled into their new school year routines. The Awana schedule will be available soon. Please remember to download the CBC app so you can stay connected with church events. Please contact me with any new ideas for the children's department.

With appreciation,

Alicia Smith



Happy Birthday



AUGUST

1 Martha Silvers, Geraldine Banks, Grace Clark, Shannon Engle, 3 Cadie Caudle, 4 Dallas Lloyd,
 5 Hugh Barker, Thomas Cooper, 6 Dave Burgner, Marie Honeycutt, Sam Breen, 8 Nathanael Crutchfield,
 10 Casey Pate, Dick Ford, 11 Susie Riddle, Oziah Ricker, 13 Jennifer Bennett, 14 Terri Graham,
 15 Betty Stephens, 16 Madelyn Crawford, Garret Edwards, 17 Scott Rainey, 18 Elizabeth Pleasant,
 Levi Graham, Mike Durham, 19 Pam Solomon, Allan Solomon, 21 Bobbie Ledford, 27 Peggy Barker,
 28 Darryl Bryant, Bill Gray, Jess Sifford, 29 Judy Colinger

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 Patrick & Fredna Ollis

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to Consolidated Missions
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 to Consolidated Missions

Ronald Sparks
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SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.
 11:00 a.m.
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 Morning Worship
 Evening Worship
 Youth Bible Study
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WEDNESDAY

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