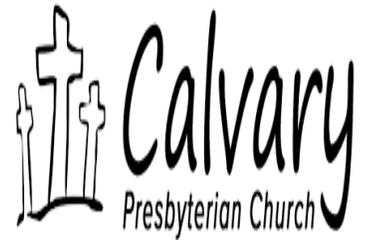


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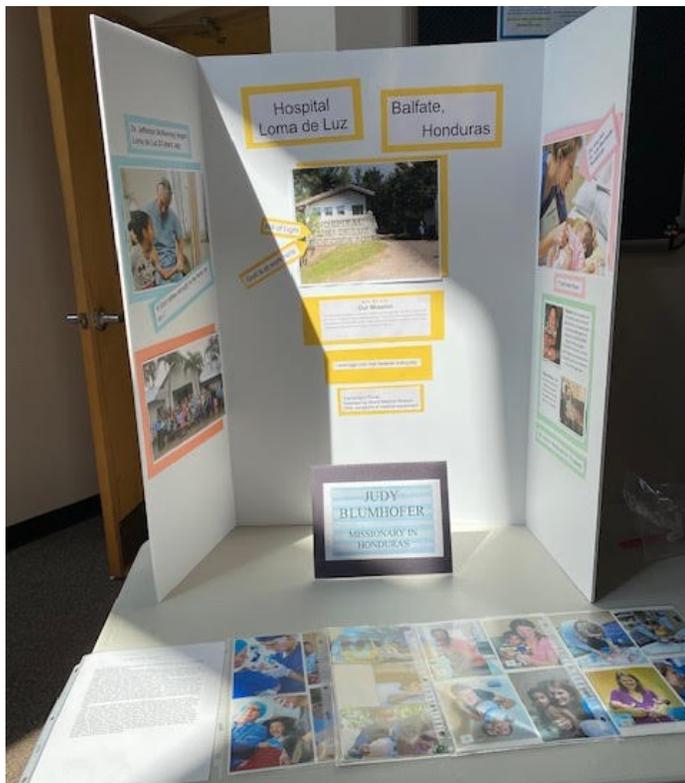
September 2022



September is Mission's Month. At the beginning of September, during the children's sermon, I retold a common allegorical story about missions and star fish. My sermon is below:

I heard a story about a man who was vacationing in Mexico. One day he was walking along a deserted beach when he saw a man approaching from the opposite direction. As he watched the man, he saw that the man kept bending down, picking something up and throwing it into the water. As he got closer, he could see that the man was picking up starfish that had washed up onto the beach and he was throwing them back into the water.

As the two men met, he said, "Good morning. I was wondering what you are doing."



Words of Wisdom from Reverend Cheryl Kincaid

"Why, I am throwing these starfish back into the ocean, because if I don't, they will die."

"I understand, but there must be thousands of starfish on this beach, and you can't possibly get all of them. Besides, there are hundreds of miles of beaches along this coast and the same thing is happening on every one of those beaches. Can't you see that you can't possibly make a difference?"

The man bent down and picked up another starfish and threw it back into the ocean. He smiled at the man and said, "I made a difference to that one, didn't I?"

I like this story because it reminds us of how overwhelmed we can become when we consider the world's needs. We can throw up our arms in defeat when we think of the people who are lost. But there is some good news, according to the Pew Institute:

"Approximately 2.38 billion people practice some form of Christianity globally. This means that about one-third of the world's total population is Christian. Christianity is the predominant religion in Europe, Russia, North America, South America, parts of Africa, Timor Leste, the Philippines, and much of Oceania. However, Christianity is also practiced on a smaller scale in regions including the Middle East and Indonesia. In some 21 nations worldwide, Christianity has been deemed the state

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Become an Intercessor!

ISAIAH 53

This chapter of Isaiah has so much more than a short devotional can cover, so I want to just share what has been today's devotional message for me:

The prophet starts by saying: "Who has believed what he has heard from us?"

We care so much about whether people believe what we say. But, when you think about it, almost no one believed what that prophet said, nor those who came after him, or even what Jesus, Himself, said.

And, yet, every word spoken by them was the truth. It didn't matter how many believed, or whether they affirmed the message. Truth is truth.

As a matter of fact, not only were they not believed, they were rejected, oppressed, despised, persecuted, jailed, and sentenced to death. And we get our hackles up if someone merely doubts or disagrees with us.



So, if we want to be like Jesus, what was His response to those who not only rejected Him, but led him to be tortured and slaughtered? He quietly let them take Him away to the cross, allowed Himself to be crushed, and grieved, and made Himself an offering for us, for our sin.

And after all of that, continues, at the right hand of God to be our intercessor, to stand in the gap for us.

Is this an Easter message? Yes. And it is Easter every day we

remember who He is, what He did for us, and who we are, even if no one believes us.

So, the next time you find yourself feeling rejected, hurt, oppressed, misunderstood, or wrongfully treated, perhaps you can remember to become an intercessor for those mistreating you. Because it's lit loving them that we're growing into His likeness. It doesn't matter if we have the praises of people. Let's seek the praise, "well done good and faithful servant," from God. And then, like Him, "out of the anguish of our soul, we shall see and be satisfied...and divide the spoil..." with Him.

Kids Connection – Where Are We Going?

The next generation is the future of the church. They need to know Jesus and learn to walk in His ways. Investing in their lives by participating in their spiritual formation can be a great blessing for all involved. So...

Kids Connection will return in October. The team is looking for a few additional good folks to serve in different areas of ministry:

- Elementary Class teacher/helper
- Teen Class facilitator

Our lessons are multi – age within the above categories. It is church policy to have two leaders (two adults or an adult and teen pairing) for each class. We are considering relocating our classrooms to some of the lower level more "youth friendly"

spaces.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Donna Yanosy at donna@calvaryenfield.org.

Nursery News

Babies, toddlers, and small children are always welcome in worship. Also, our Nursery can be opened during the worship service upon a one week notice request. We have a childcare person on call, as well as a list of church volunteers willing to be part of the team. Please call Lori in the church office (860-745-5211) to request the Nursery on a particular Sunday.

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religion. These nations include England, Greece, and Iceland. Nations with high numbers of Christians or members of any religion but no official state religion and where religion does not play a role in policy-making are secular countries.”

So, we needn't be discouraged, but encouraged that the gospel is going out. But even if the statistics were not so positive, we are still not discouraged because the task of salvation belongs to God and not to us. We are conduits of this great salvation not the Savior. Jesus Christ is the only Savior of this world. In fact, the scripture reminds us that God is the one who has already prepared a ministry for us to accomplish here in this world.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. -- Ephesians 2:10

Think of the starfish story. You don't have to save all the starfish that wash up upon the shore, just pick up the one starfish who is in front of you.



These displays featuring some of mission work done at Calvary can be seen in the Fellowship Mall.

As we seek to make missions a more visible in our church, my prayer is that each covenant partner will adopt a mission of their own to pray for and support and by doing so allow Christ to fulfill His great task of salvation in our world today!!



September Birthdays

- 3 Adam Zinkievich
- 4 Mary Taylor
- 5 Bethany Clark
- 6 David Clark
- 7 Steven Rubenstein
- 14 Drew Love
- 19 John Cutter
- 22 Carole Black
- 24 Payton Benton

- 26 Doug Gillette
- Dot Cutter

- 28 Donna Yanosy

September Anniversaries

- 1 Shannah & Adam Zinkievich
- 14 Carol & Paul Sorel
- 25 Pamela Lall-Rivard & Rick Rivard
- 27 Jenn & David Clark
- 30 Pam & Michael Mills

Adult Bible studies beginning soon

Sunday Mornings

Sunday Morning Adult School will begin Oct. 2. The class will be reading and discussing [The Jesus I Never Knew](#) by Philip Yancey.

Philip Yancey offers a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and His work, His teachings, His miracles, His death and resurrection.. and ultimately, who He was and why He came.

Janice Singer will be leading this study. See the Sign-up sheet on the Information table in Fellowship Mall. We will be ordering books soon for this study.

Ladies on Zoom

Also, beginning Monday, Oct. 3 ... for the ladies who can't make the Sunday class there will be a Zoom study from 7-8 p.m. This will be led by Janice Singer and Pamela Rivard. Contact Janice with questions or to sign up for the study and Zoom link.

Weekday Study

A small group Bible study – Hinds' Feet on High Places – will also begin in October. Kathie Whitson will be leading this weekly study. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Mall if you would like to participate and need a book.

This book has inspired millions of people to become sure-footed in their faith even when facing the rockiest of life's terrain. It is a story of endurance, persistence, and reliance on God. The story of Much-Afraid is based on Psalm 18:33: "He makes me as surefooted as a deer."

Music News

Welcome back, Choir! Rehearsals have begun! Rehearsals will be on Sundays, 11:30 – 12:15 in the choir room on days when we do not sing. Usually, we sing twice per month. Join us to worship in music!

Lori Bourret

Music Director