



WORDS OF WISDOM FROM
REVEREND CHERYL KINCAID



"Many people want God to call them to a big assignment. However, they try to bypass the love relationship...the love relationship is why God created you. That is far more important to Him than what you do. So, anticipate that God will start working with you and drawing you to an intimate love relationship that is real and personal. When the love relationship is right, God will be free to begin giving you assignments at His initiative. Whenever you do not seem to be receiving assignments from God, focus on the love relationship and stay there until the assignment comes."

— Henry T. Blackaby, *Experiencing God: How to Live the Full Adventure of Knowing and Doing the Will of God*

One life changing statement I heard in a sermon that started my search to know God better was, "Christianity is a relationship not merely a religion." Ken Overstreet made that remark at a Campus Crusade rally, and it set my heart on faith journey. The statement reminded me of the first question in the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

What is the chief and highest end of mankind? Humanity's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy Him forever.

Our main purpose on this earth is know God better and by knowing Him, we create relationships and spaces of forgiveness, mercy, and fellowship. It is in those spaces that the gospel is proclaimed, and we are shaped into His image. These things most glorify God. It is in those spaces that we learn to enjoy God's presence and are being prepared to enjoy Him forever in Heaven. These spaces can be called "the church."

Whether they are in a zoom meeting, with two friends over a hot beverage or in prayer at the communion table, the church inhabits these spaces. Whenever we provide a place for Christ to be proclaimed or an invitation to know Him is extended and discipleship is offered, we succeed in being the church here on earth. Whenever we comfort someone who is going through a rough patch or provide a space for grief, sorrow and prayer, we succeed at being the church.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:19-20

So, in September we start up our small groups and look forward to Sunday school beginning. We will be planning activities to inspire fellowship, comfort and motivate evangelism and service. Join me in thanking God for what He has done in our midst while looking forward to what He has for us in the future.



A Word from our Parish Associate—Rev. Donna Yanosy

August 2023

Prayerful Practices for People of the Presence

In June I took a fall which left me with a bruised face and knees, a fractured right hand and a very sore right arm and shoulder. I had to wear a splint and use a sling. I moved carefully. And for a few days I went into hiding. (My bruised chin looked BAD!) I experienced limitations that are probably so familiar to those who encounter mobility issues daily but were new to me.

Suddenly I needed help. I was vulnerable. I was needy. Getting dressed was a challenge. Fixing my coffee in the morning needed to be approached slowly and with great caution. Using my computer was almost impossible because I couldn't grasp the mouse. My right arm hurt all night; a good night's sleep was impossible! (Poor little me!)

And so I had a chance to practice vulnerability—requesting help for the simplest tasks, being the beneficiary of the kindness of others to help me get through the day. It made me wonder about what God's word tells us about vulnerability. And here is the good news:

1 Corinthians 1: 26 - 30

²⁶ *Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.*

God chooses to use us in whatever state He finds us. Weakness, foolishness, lowliness, humility – those are the raw materials upon which God builds His kingdom. When we call out for help, He answers. And when others call out for help – we join God in answering the needs of others. Our redemption, God's work in our lives, is firmly established in the fact that God knows we are vulnerable, we are needy, and the answer to our every weakness is in Christ alone. He brings about what we cannot possibly do for ourselves....as we put our trust in Him.

Sometimes we need painful reminders of how much God has done for us through Jesus. Sometimes we need a bout of weakness and vulnerability to turn our eyes back to focusing our dependence upon God and not ourselves. My struggle with this physical pain will eventually end. My body will heal. My compassion for those who live with chronic pain has grown exponentially – I have a much deeper understanding of how hard it can be to present oneself as a kind loving human being when one is in physical pain. May God's grace be upon all who suffer!

Prayerful practice for August? Ask for God's grace to notice those around you who are vulnerable, who are suffering, who need a helping hand. Open our eyes, dear Lord, to our own places of vulnerability and dependence on you, and show us how we can serve and bless the vulnerable ones around us.

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Message from our Missionary, Dr. Judy Blumhofer in Honduras

Dear Calvary Church Family,

I am sending you this note with abundant thanks for the fabulous variety of items you collected and sent to me here in Honduras.

What a delightful box to receive, full of color, care and most of all, your very evident love.

I am excited to put these into use with the patients for whom I care.

I already took some of the items and built a sensory kit for a child in our ministry with a new diagnosis of autism. I will send photos to share once I am able to see him again and train his house parents in how to employ the tools in the kit to best help him.

God bless you for your prayers,
offerings and these amazing, amazing tools.

With love,

Judy



MUSIC NEWS

Summer Choir will be on Sunday, August 27!

**All are welcome to meet in the choir room
at 9:15 AM to prepare the music for the
Offertory.**

Make a joyful noise!

Lori Bourret



August Mission of the Month



PRAY 1, STITCH 2 KNITTING GROUP

Every Wednesday Morning, a group of women get together to spend an hour or two knitting Lap Blankets and Prayer Shawls for those hurting, sick or need a little piece of TLC to wrap themselves in. These women lovingly and faithfully make these items that are prayed over and then sent out to bless others.

Thank you Ladies for using your gifts and talents that God has given you to bring joy to others and brighten up the lives of those who receive them.

If you would like to know more about this knitting group or would like to donated unused/clean yarn, please call the **church office at: 860-745-5211**

For those who have attended the "Dinner For 8"

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August 12, 2023

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3 Hemlock Dr

Broad Brook, CT 06016





AUGUST

- 2 Deb Woodworth**
- 8 Cyrilla Shaw**
- 12 Peter dePlessis**
- 14 Linley Ruoss**
Janice Singer
- 15 Wayne Richmond**
- 18 Sue Harger**
- 26 Brianna Lee**



AUGUST

- 9 Joan & Mike Lawson**
- 14 Cyrilla & Fred Shaw**
- 20 Dot & John Cutter**
- 21 Steve & Melissa Thayer**
- 22 Val & Dave Joseph**
- 25 Gail & Bob Clark**

End of Summer Church Cookout



Come
to the "End of Summer
All Church Cookout"
Following the
Church Service.
August 27, 2023

Bring your own meat, dish to
share and don't forget your
lawn chair.



Here at Calvary Church

**Grief Share has begun as of
July 29, 2023.**

They meet every Saturday 10:30 a.m.—Noon
For More Information , Please call the
Church office @ 860-745-5211

Here at Calvary Church..
The Alpha Course is Coming

September 9 - November 11, 2023

Alpha is a fun course on the basics of Christianity, designed to be in a casual setting among friends. We will watch a video and have a discussion time each week, along with light refreshments.

To Sign up For the Alpha Course, go to our
Church website at:

www.calvaryenfield.org

**For More Information call the
church office at
860-745-5211**

The next **Calvary Crier** will be out
September 3. Please have any pictures,
articles or events sent into the church office

by August 21, 2023

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