

Our Church's Mission:

*"To glorify God by praying,
worshiping and reaching
People for Christ, ministering to
the needs of all, providing
opportunities for people to
grow in Christ and enjoying the
fellowship with one another."*

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Tonight starting at 6 PM

**Taco Supper Feast in the
Family Life Center**

Followed by the

**2nd Annual Calvary Variety
Show**

The \$5 per person or \$10

per family donation will

assist the youth with their

activities being planned for

the summer of 2018

Plan not to miss!

TREE HOUSE NEEDS:
Formula (blue/orange label) &
any winter type clothes for
the cold weather.



Dir: ANNIE WELLS

SS Hour: Linda Nutter

TODAY: Davidsons

2/25: LaVerna Salts & Cathy Bailey

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MON, TU, TH:
SAT.:

Upward practices from 5:30-8:30 PM
Upward games from 8:30-3:30 PM

TODAY:

Youth fundraiser (see below) Tacos @ 6:00
Variety show from 6:30-7:30 PM

Mar. 4: Upward Award celebration

6:00 PM

Mar. 28: Annual All Church Agape Meal

6:00 PM

HEY! YOUTH HAPPENINGS!

Youth Team Meeting is coming up again the first part of March! Thanks to each one who serves and to Charley who leads us!

Another great D-Now is being planned. Details to follow. Wonderful opportunity.....



OUR KNOWN BABIES COMING:

Aron & Hannah Cress Hart, Joshua & Jayleen Omo, Taylor & Micah Shannon

Prayers: unspoken, the salvation of loved ones, Pastors Michael, Jerry, Charley, deacons, trustees/volunteers, our wonderful country/troops,

President Trump/Vice President Pence, the persecution of all Christians

CURRENT PRAYER NEEDS: Please call to inform office!

Harry Cress Loyd Dredge, Carolyn Fry, Glen Hawkins, Baby Isaac Holmes, Judy Lankford, Lana Moler, those still recovering, having/awaiting test results-surgeries, with chronic conditions, traveling & seeking employment

ONGOING PRAYER NEEDS: Please call to update office of changes!

Pastor Neal Alford, Alexis Blackburn, Mike Clifton, Loyd Dredge, Hunter Erwin, Clarissa Flora, Vivian Green, Dean Graves, Karen Holt's parents, Kay Lacy's brother & sister-in-law, Sarah Lockard, Lon Matson, Sherry Miller's aunt/parents, Jennifer Periman's dad, Alta/Mitch Parker, Jimmy Runyan's dad, Mark Spencer's brother-Don, Karin Tucker, Gayle Willis' brother & those with loved ones in need of prayer

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Feel free to share specific names.

All the men/women who serve in the armed forces, law enforcement and first responders: Fire/EMS.

CANCER: Dredge's son-in-law, Duerksen's friend-Eve, Hawkins' niece, Holt's daughter-in law's dad, Matson's daughter-in-law-Debbie, Fred Otte, Ed Randall's sister & Chip Frieze's mother-in-law-Cheryl, Amy McDaniel's dad-Dave Nance, Lana Moler, Sisler friends-Joe & Jude, LaDona Crump Wege

NOTICES:

Contintue to pray for UPWARD! It is going great!

Please drop OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX items in box all year long!

MISSIONS! TRIP! Caleb Holt-JAMAICA with 1st Baptist-Mulvane-Jul 22-29. Hire Caleb to do any "odd jobs"!

INTERNSHIP! Tyler Tucker (Sisler's grandson-Sr-Emmaus Bible College-Dubuque, IA.), ITALY, Feb 2-Apr 15!

CHURCH FAM PHOTOS are being taken today only (or see EM) for the CBC picture wall in the foyer! See Elizabeth Moseley before/after church by the chair/curtain in the foyer. Copies will be emailed/posted.

LADIES! NEW BIBLE STUDY began last Sunday! Still time to come today @ 2:00 PM @ the Church. The book, \$25 ea, is Run for God. Great opportunity! See our own Amy Mc, Crystal C or Elizabeth M.!

Since the board is redone, see Sharon in the OFFICE to get the pics of our military men you loaned the Church!

THANKS to our WOMers for the fruit/cookie trays delivered to our shut ins and to the Church office! We appreciate the many ministries our Women on Mission provide throughout the year. Thanks....

THANKS to our youth for learning, preparing, practicing then going out and sharing the Gospel. We pray we will always have the message of salvation and the love of Jesus on our hearts to share with others. Whatever the problems are one faces, JESUS is the answer!



When people give a “*first fruit offering*” we pour the 1st twenty cents of each dollar into the work of missions. The following story shares the outcome of our mission giving. Enjoy it and be inspired with the difference your giving makes.

(NEW MEXICO) To understand why **CODY BROWN** named the Church plant he started in Portales, NM *The Porch*, one would have to understand the city. He says the city has many wonderful nights that lend themselves to sitting on the front porch, hanging out with folks, sharing with one another & doing life together. Cody’s vision is that the people of The Porch would invest in people and share Jesus with them. Thanks to your gifts through the Cooperative Program, Cody is starting a Church in a community that needs one. Pray for his family as they continue serving.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Brian/Danyel Warne-Mexico, Robbie/Gail Nutter-K-State Christian Challenge, Matt/Jessica Maestas-NAMB, David/Grace Fread & Jonathan/Isana Fread & Jon/Hope Fread Rodriques-Brazil and Eliezer/Kelly Fread Steffens-Asia Pacific.

Valley Center Ministerial Alliance and the Community Food Bank Offers assistance at Grace Connections Church 300 N. Ash in Valley Center (316) 755-1855 from 9:00-1:00 PM & 1:00-3:00 PM Tuesdays through Friday.



February 2018

Average AM Attendance	120
Average SS. Attendance	106
Average PM Attendance	27
Average Mid-Week Attendance	71
"First Fruit Offerings" for this week	\$5,015.00
"CIF" for this week	\$ 180.00
"World Mission Offering" for this week	\$112.00

By the Year – October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018

Average AM Attendance	137	Average SS Attendance	115
Average PM Attendance	43	Average Mid-Week	72
"First Fruit Offerings" provided to date			\$132,699.28
"Capital Improvement Fund" (CIF) provided to date			\$3,405.00
"World Mission Offerings" provided to date			\$ 6,123.00

Updates on Calvary's **"Capital Improvement Fund"** (CIF):



CIF beginning balance	77,838.86
CIF recent gifts : 2-11-2018	180.00
CIF gifts provided to date + Interest	20,851.24
CIF disbursements: Digital Sign	- 27,439.59
CIF disbursements: Carpet	- <u>21,720.17</u>
CIF Current Balance	49,530.34

In the almost 23 months we've actively promoted CIF, we've seen God providing through His people; average weekly gifts of a little over \$190.00 and average monthly gifts of slightly more than \$816.00. Thanks for providing this consistent support. **We currently have structural foundational issues to address. In the spring we'll have air conditioning and heating units to replace, and in the future aging flat roofs to replace, and playground equipment to upgrade.** Thanks for being visionary when it comes to adequately funding these various capital improvement needs!

CONNECT

with an Open Heart

Mark 12:29-31



GROW

in Body, Mind & Spirit

Romans 12:2



SERVE

with Willing Hands

1 Peter 4:10-11



GO

with Ready Feet

Matthew 28:19-20



SUNDAY:

Morning Worship/Children's Church

9:30 AM

Sunday School

11:00 AM

Ladies Run for God Bible study

2:00 PM

Choir practice

5:00 PM

Taco Supper

6:00 PM

Variety Show

6:30-7:30 PM

MON-TU-TH:

UPWARD practices from 5:30-8:30 PM

TUESDAY:

Women on Mission sing @ Sedgwick Manor/Meet @ 10:00 AM

Bible Club meets @ West after School

WEDNESDAY:

Kids: Mission Friends and Salt & Light

6:30-8:00 PM

Youth: United

6:00-8:00 PM

Pastor's Bible study

6:30-8:00 PM

Ladies Tabernacle Bible study

6:30-8:00 PM

THURSDAY:

Ladies Tabernacle Bible study

9:30-11:00 AM

Calvary's Quilting Sisters meet from

2:00-5:30 PM

SATURDAY:

Upward games beginning at 8:30 AM

From PASTOR JERRY: “The Church’s Work in Today’s Culture”

How does the church respond to the wayward teachings about Christ in should today’s culture? This question will take several weeks to consider. This is week 27 of that study.

For half a year, we’ve been looking at the culture and the church. If you haven’t figured it out, the church is in a battle for its very existence. If the culture can’t ignore us out of existence, it will actively try to snuff it out with laws and persecution. This is what we see beginning to happen in our culture on this physical plane.

There is, however, a spiritual war that is battling behind the scene, directing the human actors. Paul put it this way, “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Ephesians 6:12 (KJV). Satan, with his subordinates, is striving to eliminate the gospel any way he can. His anger against God because of being thrown out of heaven for attempting a coup is not directed against God’s people and humankind in general. If we can’t have heaven, he doesn’t want any men or women there either. He understands that Jesus becoming a man elevated mankind to a potential position far above even his former position of glory. Thus, we are the focus of his ire and he wants mankind dead without Christ. Furthermore, he targets the church for special venom.

How does he work? He, with his minions, use men and women to exact his vengeance. He manipulates and cultivates the anger of lost folks to influence the culture to attack and try to destroy the children of God. Lost people are easily swayed because they are ruled by the flesh – the natural man. They are already tools for destruction under Satan’s control. He takes what is natural within lost man and amplifies it to bend their wills to do his dirty work, “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.” Romans 8:5 (KJV)

Have you heard anger in the voices of people about things that are Biblical? The source of that is Satan. So how do we enter into the battle that is already waging around us? We stand on the Word of God and the power of the resurrection that resides in us. We resist the devil under the leadership of our commander, Jesus Christ. We suffer if need be, and we conquer by standing. God wins the war (we’ve read the ending in Revelation), and all we have to do is remain faithful, regardless of the physical outcome. We gain heaven and eternity with our redeemer, Jesus – what more could one ask?

In Him, Jerry

From PASTOR CHARLEY:

Good Morning Calvary!

Everyone should be extremely proud of our youth. This past Wed., we did some street evangelism. We attempted to do it at the town east mall, but they said handing out candy would be competing with their candy store business. So there were several stores locally in Valley Center that allowed us to come and station ourselves outside of their store to share a piece of candy on Valentine's Day with an opportunity to present the Gospel.

All the youth did extremely well in overcoming their fears and talking to strangers about Christ. One young man named Dylan prayed to accept Christ outside the Dollar General that evening.

I am very proud of the youth and the work they did this past Wed.! It was very evident that there are many people in Valley Center, KS who don't have a relationship with Christ. That's all the more reason that we listen to Jesus' command to GO!

I love you all, Charley

PASTOR MICHAEL'S MUSINGS . . .

Have you found purpose in life? Since entering into a relationship with Jesus, have you discovered a purpose for life and living that is different from the purpose you had in life before knowing Jesus? People sometimes wonder why they are here, what are they to do, what is their purpose.

Purpose in life is one of the several reasons why Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. Our struggle with our lostness is seen in our stewardship of purpose in life. Without the redeeming relationship with Him, we just drift and do whatever is right in our own eyes. This is similar to what was noted in the days of the Judges when there was no king in Israel and every man did what was right in his own eyes. Without Jesus as Lord, our purpose in life is to do whatever satisfies and pleases us, and often times the cost is not even relevant.

When Christ becomes Lord, our perspectives changes. We become a more compassionate and caring person. Other people, who previously we used to accomplish our plans and goal, we begin to see them as being more important than we had ever thought they were before Christ became imbedded in our lives and changed things.

We begin to see purpose in life as that of being on mission with Jesus. Being on mission with Him comes in whatever form He has given us for our life's work. We're not just an employee or laborer or retired person who's getting to do something we enjoy and making a living while we do it, but we're an employee, laborer or retired person who's still on mission with Jesus. Today, how are things going in your mission field?

Jesus love us, Pastor Michael