

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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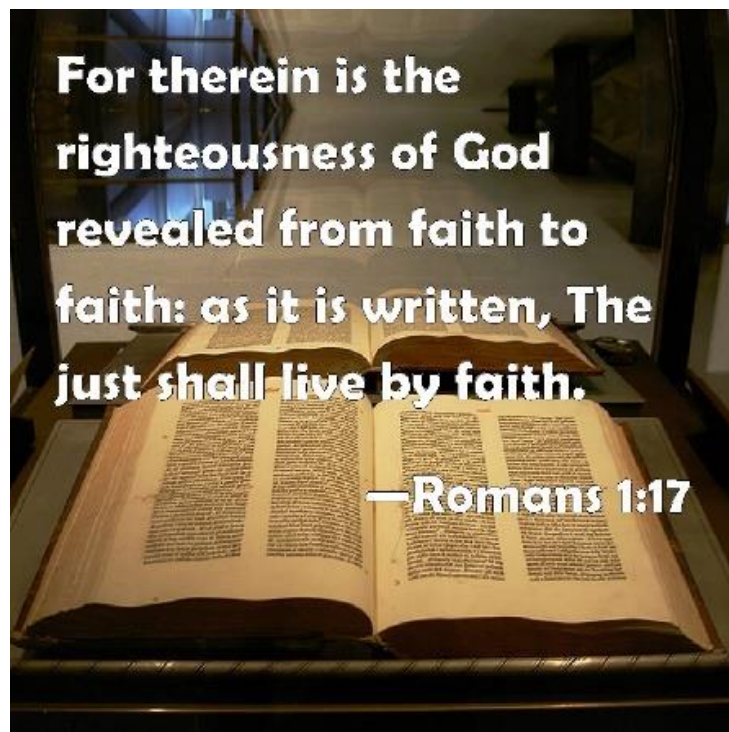
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**Are we finding it
impossible to please God
except when
we live by faith?**

**Even better when we do
this together!**



TREE HOUSE NEEDS:

Formula (blue/orange label),
towels-any size & pull ups-
any size! THANKS!



DIR: ANNIE WELLS & SS: LINDA NUTTER

TODAY: Davidsons

4/29: Sharon C/Kim W



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TODAY: Join us/Jeremiah Otte's graduation reception: Faith Church: 1:00-3:00 PM
Ap. 28 (SAT.) Cheer on our racers! Hesston, Women's 5K run @ 9:30 AM
Ap. 29: Gideon testimony-love offering/Light meal & Church Conference: 6:00 PM

May 12: Berean Academy Graduation, Elbing-Caitlyn Rohaus @ 10:00 AM
May 13: VCHS Graduation/Koch Arena @ 3:00 PM and Mother's Day 2018!
VCHS-Ian Clifton, Janett Duerksen, Noah Freeman-Hawkins/call office with grads
May 20: Youth Sunday: Speaker: Eli Holmes! Potluck! Love offering taken!
May 26: CBC wedding of Harley Franzone & Jake Varbel @ 2:00 PM

June 18-22: Falls Creek Youth Camp (6-12th grade) \$215 ea/See Amy McDaniel

June 25-29: Vacation Bible School from 9:00-Noon/Questions? See Karen H, Dir.

HEY! YOUTH HAPPENINGS! D-Now week end was great!
Pray for follow through of the teens who went! Youth Sun. is
May 20 with potluck meal served & youth love offering taken.
Eli Holmes is preaching!



OUR KNOWN BABIES COMING:

Nick & Lori Jacob Ericksen, Tim & Tammy Runyan McNeeley, 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!

Marie Clemence, Harry Cress, Carolyn Fry, Linda Hingst, Karen Holt's mom, Baby Isaac Holmes, Sherry Miller's parents, Lana Moler, Bruce Stiffler, David White, 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, 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, Sisler friends-Joe & Jude, LaDona Crump Wege

NOTICES: Bring **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX** items to containers in hall all year long! We hope to be able to fill more boxes by collecting year around. We will have the special emphasis for the ministry in the fall, of course! Thanks....

MISSIONS! TRIP! Caleb Holt-JAMAICA with 1st Baptist-Mulvane-Jul 22-29. Hire Caleb to do any "odd jobs"! THANKS for praying Tyler Tucker HOME from his Italy internship!

MORE GRADS! Whitney Jones-Oak Hills Christian College-MN, Mark Hingst-Newton High, Jeremiah Otte-BCCC Culinary School, Craig & Kelsey Ramsey-Liberal High, Tyler Tucker-Sislers-Emmaus-IA. SEE & POST ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BULLETIN BOARD!

COMING SEPT. 12/13: Ladies Bible study: "JONAH" by Priscilla Evans Shirer - \$15 ea. bk.! PTL!

ISAAC UPDATE! The surgery went well in KC last Wed. As of this writing, he is doing good. PRAY for his healing! After Sam, Jerri & Isaac return home, we want to provide them with meals, so be aware. We will list the return date when we know so you can sign accordingly. They say THANKS for everything, especially the prayers! God bless the Holmes family!

THANKS for garage sale items. Due to the weather, it was postponed until a later date. Thanks!



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.

(EURASIA) Christian workers **TERRY & FAYRENE WILLET** moved to Germany with their 4 children. Fayrene was worried about her effectiveness in sharing the Gospel without having German fluency. God brought an evangelism opportunity right to her door step. Jehovah’s Witnesses were active in that German neighborhood & they spoke fluent English. Fayrene invited the Jehovah Witness missionaries into her home for coffee & shared her testimony. Give through the Cooperative Program so the Gospel will spread!

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.



April 2018

Average AM Attendance	145
Average SS. Attendance	105
Average PM Attendance	24
Average Mid-Week Attendance	73
"First Fruit Offerings" for this week	\$ 3,779.66
"CIF" for this week	77.00
"World Mission Offering" for this week	200.00

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

Average AM Attendance	137	Average SS Attendance	114
Average PM Attendance	51	Average Mid-Week	73
"First Fruit Offerings" provided to date			\$185,191.29
"Capital Improvement Fund" (CIF) provided to date			\$ 4,273.00
"World Mission Offerings" provided to date	New WME year		\$ 380.00

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



CIF beginning balance	77,838.86
CIF recent gifts: 4-15-2018	77.00
CIF gifts provided to date + Interest	21,732.20
CIF disbursements: Digital Sign	- 27,439.59
CIF disbursements: Carpet	- 21,720.17
CIF Current Balance	<u>50,411.30</u>

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 several 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

Youth team meeting

NOON

Ladies Run for God Bible Study

2:00 PM

Romans Bible study

5:00 PM

Choir practice

6:00 PM

Evening Worship

7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY:

Kids: Mission Friends and Salt & Light

6:30-8:00 PM

Youth: United

6:30-8:00 PM

Pastor's Bible study

6:30-8:00 PM

THURSDAY:

Calvary's Quilting Sisters

2:00-5:30 PM

SAT:Ladies Bible students-Hesston-Women's Emma Creek 5K-9:30 AM

Please be in constant prayer for God's direction of our beloved CBC family! We have a wonderful history and an awesome future!

From PASTOR JERRY:

For the past several weeks, we have continued to look at strife within the church. How do we address the fact that there is conflict among those who claim to have Christ as their Lord and Savior? We continued with James' message about conflict in the church:

James 4:1, ***“From whence come wars and fighting’s among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?”*** (KJV)

Many will ask why I am belaboring the evaluation of the heart and motivation of approaching a potential conflict. If we take the scripture seriously, we will always test our own mindset before taking any action. The Pastor taught from the following passage last Sunday night:

Proverbs 6:16, *“These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: 17: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18: An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19: A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.”* (KJV)

Few things are on the list of those items that God considers an abomination. I, personally, don't want to be anywhere near guilty of one of those items so I work hard at making sure that my actions and preceding attitudes are not leading me into the abomination of sowing discord. God's wisdom will guide us to the proper approach in dealing with conflict. This does not mean He won't bring us into the conflict, but we are moving with Him, the direction will bring glory to Him eventually. My way is irrelevant, but His is perfect!

In Him, Jerry

FROM PASTOR CHARLEY:

Good Morning Calvary!

I am glad to report that I am feeling fine again & have dodged the flu! Thanks to each who filled in for me! You are appreciated! I have noticed that it takes a lot of people working together in harmony, whether in church work or at my job, to get the needed tasks accomplished. It is a blessing to work with likeminded people to “get the job done” for the cause of Christ here at Calvary. Thanks to each one who serves with me! Have a great week!

I love you all, Charley

PASTOR MICHAEL'S MUSINGS . . .

We are continuing to look at the spiritual qualities the members of the "***Pastor Search Team***" will need in order to accomplish the work God will have them doing. We are not looking for perfected qualities in these people, since none of us have perfected them as of to date, but we are looking for and expecting to notice a pattern in their lives demonstrating their understanding of these spiritual principles and their movement to consistently employ them in their lives. In short, they are trying!

Last week we looked at the principle of **prayer** and the significant role this plays in our lives and our ability to hear our Heavenly Father and begin to grasp His will on any given matter. It's imperative this search team be a team of prayer warriors!

Today, we want to examine our need, as God's children, to be children of **faith**. Living by faith is not optional, but the only way in which we can live that in turn pleases our Heavenly Father. His Word makes it abundantly clear, as His children, we're to live by faith! This living by faith is the way we experience the abundant life that's found in the Christ life. The Christ life is simply Christ living His life in us and then through us to accomplish the plans and purposes of our Father.

Our Father knows who He'll have serve as His next pastor at Calvary. The way we find out what the Father already knows is accomplished by a work of faith. Not merely opinions, or our own wants and desires can discover God's will in this matter. Faith must be a vital component that takes precedence over our opinions, wants, and desires.

This will only be complicated if we choose to do it our way rather than His way!

Jesus love us, Pastor Michael